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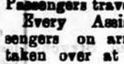

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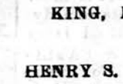

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TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the Will of DWARKANATH MOHOBA, of Bombay Prabhu Hindoo inhabitant, a clerk in the office of Messrs. Wallace and Co., deceased.

EKNATH DWARKANATH and DINANATH DWARKANATH, both of Bombay Hindoo inhabitants, of Prabhu Caste, at present temporarily residing at Malad in the Thana District, two of the Executors named in the Will..... Petitioners.

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Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the Seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Three and in the Third year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJI, Registrar.

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Uncalled Capital ..... „ 5,00,000

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SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY AT MATOONGA MAHARWADA, NEAR THE RAILWAY STATION.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagee, Pitamber Bhojraj, the trustee of the Panjrapol at Kutchkoral and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Adamjee Mahomedbhoy, in pursuance of the power of sale given in the Indenture of Mortgage, dated the 17th day of September, 1900, the following landed property, viz :—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messnage or a chawl thereon and also a tank adjoining to the said land, hereditaments and premises situate without the Fort of Bombay at Matoonga Maharwada in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, the said piece of land containing by admeasurement 1 680 square yards, being a portion of the land registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under new No. 854 and the adjoining Tank containing by admeasurement 2,690 square yards, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under new No. 855, in aggregate containing by admeasurement 4,370 or thereabouts and bounded the said land hereditaments and Tank as follows :—On the east by the ground of Dewkabai, daughter of Kroji Rajpal, on the west and south by the vacant Inami lands and on the north by the public passage and with said two lands hereditaments and premises which are assessed under Municipal Ward F. Nos. 7496 (2) and 7462 (2), and street Nos. 1068 A and 1029 A, respectively.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the Undersigned.

ON SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Nawab's small bungalow and below Nesbit Road Bridge, Byculla, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture of the latest design, plated-ware, glassware by Treacher, crockeryware, mahogany square piano, by Soundy, folding harmonium in glass case, small China safe, old China and Japanese flower vases, pictures, windproof lamps, Brussels and Persian carpets, etc., the property of H. DUNK, Esq.

Catalogues are published, and the property is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF 107 CASES WHISKY.

ON MONDAY next, the 26th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, by order of the co-cerned and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Bertie Smith and Co., Ld.:—

58 cases Record Reign whisky.
21 cases Canton whisky.
27 cases Old Taylor whisky.
The above will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

AUCTION SALE OF MEDICINE IN BOTTLES AND JARS, DRUGS AND DISPENSARY REQUISITES.

ON MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 3 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms in Marine Street, Fort, on account and at the risk of the first purchaser, DR. K. M. Hirmanneck, of Messrs Fraser and Co.—

A large quantity of various kinds of medicine in bottles and jars, drugs in packets and dispensary requisites.
The above will be sold in small lots to suit buyers.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

ON MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following :—

Furniture such as tables, chairs, easy chairs, sofas, writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, bat and book stands, English and Austrian new safes cots, shop cupboards.

1 hand camera, entirely new, by W. Butcher, of Birmingham, fitted with rapid rectilinear lense.

A quantity of old school books, English, French, Latin, History, Mathematics, etc., in convenient lots.

On account of H.M.S. Caledonia—

D. & Co. R. T. S. 8083—1 case containing sample paper screens, mounted studies, samples of toy books, pictorial post cards, album, assorted photochromos, &c.,

By order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Asmatullah and Shamsulhaque of Delhi—

1125—M A P—3156—1 case 1,000 bundles glass beads ex s.s. Silesia.

By order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of the defaulting indentor, Mr. Azizuddin Mohomed Umer, Sadar Bazar, Delhi—

3512—B U L—1818—1 case 157 doz pair fancy glass bangles,

AT 2 P.M.

Several second-hand lady's and gent's bicycles.
1 glass-front double-seated brougham,
1 French-polished office shigram.
1 light second-hand victoria.
1 strong-built vis-a-vis.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

ON THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs, CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Forbes Street, Fort, opposite Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co.'s office, two valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, piano, ice-box, Singer's sewing machine, gent's bicycle, windproof lamps, Persian carpets, musical box, cooking stove, pictures, table ornaments, &c., the property of Mr. W. NOEL, Esq.

The property will be on view four days before the sale.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 22nd May, 1903.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS, F.-P. BALES COTTON, SWEEPINGS, &c., &c.,
at the G. I. P. Railway, Wari Bunder Goods Depot,

In accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Railway Act IX of 1890, under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway Company, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 1st June, 1903, at 2 p.m., at the Wari Bunder Goods Depot—

A quantity of unclaimed goods, grain in bags, cottonseed, cotton packing, grain sweeping, waste papers, jowari, ghee, Hurra bagging, wheat in bags, dry chillies and other miscellaneous articles.

A quantity of F.-P. bales burnt cotton.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 22nd May, 1903.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 23, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED INTESTATE AND UNSERVICEABLE PROPERTIES.

Under instructions from the Commissioner of Police Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, THIS DAY, FRIDAY and TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 22nd and 23rd instant, at 11 a.m., each day, sell by Public Auction at the Police Commissioner's Office, opposite Crawford Market, a quantity of unclaimed intestate and unserviceable properties.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods.

1 Lancaster camera with stand.
1 lot of books.
A consignment of hair, coat and horse brushes.
A consignment of Ilford, Eastman and Barnet photo printing papers in tubes of 12, 6 and 2 sheets white and mauve colours, also Platino bromide paper, Ilford's dry plates, ordinary, Empress and special rapids, cabinet sizes, C. D. V. 12 by 10.

The property of Surgeon-Major H. HERBERT, I. M. S. proceeded home :—

Household furniture, consisting of book-stands, arm chairs, benches, teapoys, cane tables, table lamps, chest of drawers, dhurries, meatsafe, waterfilter, writing table, easy chair, meatsafe, matting, cloth basket, English saddle stand, wash-hand stand, one 80lb. tent, &c.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong English-built rubber tyred ralli cart,
1 handsome strong-built victoria in very good order,
1 powerful grey Arab, 14-2, 5 years, perfectly quiet in saddle and harness,
1 brown waler gelding, 15 hands, 6 years, broken to saddle and harness,
1 English cow in calf,
2 gentleman's bicycles in good condition,
1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature brougham,
1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram,
1 Spanion dog 9 months old, and 2 Japanese pups,
1 chestnut arab horse perfectly quite to ride and drive.

AUCTION SALE OF 31 CASES UMBRELLAS.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, by order of the concerned and on account and risk of the defaulting indentor, Moosa Hajee Ahmed :—

31 cases umbrellas.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SATURDAY, the 30th inst., at 1 p.m, Messrs BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction at Mr. Tata's Bungalow, Chinchpogly Hill, valuable and handsome teak and blackwood French-polished household furniture, glass and crockeryware, handsome table ornaments, table and hanging lamps, Brussels and Persian carpets first rate pictures in frames, matting, a large collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots &c., the property of F. NOEL PATON, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 22nd May, 1903.

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BANKS.

	Shares. Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate
INDIAN BANKS.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000 500	all	10 p. c.	1,292½
Bank of Bengal	40,000 500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,315
Bank of Madras	10,000 500	all	8 pr. ct.	960
Commercial Bank of India	40,000 100	100	nil	53
EXCHANGE BANKS.				
Charter Bank	40,000 £20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£40 to sell
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000 dol. 125	all	£1 10-0	£34
National Bank of India	40,000 £25	£12½	dvd 10 pr	Rs. 400

MISCELLANEOUS

		Half	yearly	
Alcock Ashdown	1,750	100	100	dv Rs 5 235
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	12 35
Jadhan File	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct 158
Bombay and Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	dvd 195 6,4 5
Do. New Issue	1,800	625	375	dvd 482 1,545
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	100	100	6 pr ct 59
Bombay Flour Mill	1,000	500	500	25 830xd
Delhi and Northern India	1,700	200	200	dvd Rs12 175
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld.	2,500	500	80	72 55
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn	5,000	100	10	10 pr ct 10
John Roberts and Co	1,270	100	100	dvd Rs10 140
Kemp and Co.	2,500	200	179	14 245
Kurrachee Landing	500	500	500	0 25
Marks and Co.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs10 117
Napier Hotel Co	1,000	100	100	9 pr ct 25
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	00	80	12 pr ct 136
Phillips and Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	Nil 16
Port Canning Co	6,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs18 442½
Soundy and Co.	1,000	100	1,061	30
Treacher and Co.	2,000	500	500	15 615
Thacker and Co.	1,500	100		dvd Rs15 180
Telephone Co	23,500	25	25	dvd Rs14 24

SPINNING AND WEAVING COPMANIES.

		Half yearly.		
Alliance	1,000	1,000	all	Nil 14
Anglo-Indian	1,345	100	100	Nil 2
Bombay : United	900	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs12½ 300
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	1,300	500	500	dvd Rs30 395
Britannia Mills	1,600	1,000	1,000	Nil 125
Central India	7,500	500	500	Rs 50 1685xd
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25 520
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25 625
Connaught Mills	1,650	500	500	Nil 350
Colaba Land and Mill	4,000	700	700	Rs. 10 390
Coorla Mills	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs40 520
Currimbhoy Mills	750	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20 575
David Mills	1,400	500	500	dvd Rs10 245
Empress	1,100	500	500	Nil 175
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20 490
Hindustan	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20 370
Howard and Bullough	1,500	500	500	Nil 350
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	Rs 40 850
Imperial Cotton	500	500	500	Nil 55
Indian Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25 350
India-China Manufacturing Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25 339
James Greaves	1,300	500	500	Nil 210
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	1,800	250	250	dvd 5 72½
Jewraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20 395
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	843	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20 270
Khandesh	750	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs35 675
Khatao Makanjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25 370
Leopold	3,500	100	108	Nil 100
Lakmidas Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil 365
Madras United	500	1,000	1,000	Rs 100 2,325
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50 2,015
Morarji Goculdas	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50 1,515
Mysore S. and M. Co., Ld.	4,000	250	250	Nil 75
New Great Eastern	4,400	1,000	1,000	Ni 85
Presidency Mills Co., Ld.	712	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs40 580
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Nil 100
Ripon Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Nil 395
Sassoon	1,050	1,000	1,000	Rs 50 710
Sholapore Mills	800	1,000	1,600	dvd Rs65 1,710xd
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Nil 115
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil 20
Southern Mahratta	7,380	250	250	7½ 125
Sun Mills, Ld.	3,200	250	250	Nil 80
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	Rs. 20 315
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	30 762½xd
Sassoon and Alliance	4,000	500	500	dvd Rs30 505
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.,	500	1,000	1,000	Nil 100
Union Mills, Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil 125
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil 270
Cohinoor	2,800	500	500	20 320

PRESS COMPANIES.

		Yearly.		
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	125 1,450
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,000	1,100	Rs 35 880
Reliary	167	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20 220xd
Bombay Cotton Brouls Cawnpore Press Co., Ld.	1,000	125	125	Nil 67½
Broach City ress Co., Co.	500	200	200	dvd Rs16 100
Colaba	800	00	0	dvd Rs12 185
East India	570	1,880	1,880	dvd Rs15 310
English Press and Manfg.	350	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs14 1475
Fort	700	250	250	dvd Rs 4 60
French	150	3,000	1,150	dvd Rs20 725
Harvey and Sabapathy	500	500	500	dvd Rs40 550
Hingoli Press Co., Ld.	450	500	500	dvd Rs80 647½
Khangaum	750	100	100	dvd Rs24 167½
Mercantile	240	450	450	dvd Rs25 495
Mofussil Co.	1,600	125	125	dvd Rs30 60
Munmar M.	3,125	400	400	dvd Rs50 525
New Berar	1,000	250	all	dv Rs20 945
New Indian	1,250	500	500	dvs Rs40 562½
Prince of Wales	1,000	125	125	dvd Rs12½ 165
Sind and Punjab Co.	600	500	500	dv Rs30½ 445
Sind	100	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs150 450
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	400	450	750	dvd Rs 220 340
Volkart	37	200	all	16 170
	450	1,000	1,000	Rs 80 1025

RAILWAY COMPANIES

G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	...	...	...	...
B. B. & C. I. R. Co., New 212 Shares	...	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry.	5,300	500	...	dvd Rs 12 515
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.	26,000	500	...	dvd Rs 9 421 1-4

BROOMFIELD PARK, Palmer's Green, has been opened to the public. At a cost of £35,000 the fine old mansion, until lately the residence of Sir Ralph Littler, C. B., and fifty-four acres of magnificently timbered grounds, have been purchased by the Southgate District Council with the assistance of the Middlesex County Council. There are two yew trees in the grounds said to be eight centuries old.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, MAY 20.

SECURITIES—
2½ per cent. Consols ..... £91 3/4 = — 1/16
3 per cent. Rentes ..... £57 3/4 = unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan ..... £103 = do
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper ..... £ 65 13/16 = do

SILVER—
Spot in London ..... 25 3/16 = do
2 months hence ..... 24 5/8 = do
Spot in New York ..... 54 3/4 = do

EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques ..... 25-18 1-2 = + 1-2
Berm ..... 20/46 1/4 = unchanged
New York Demand ..... 4'28 1-8 = do

DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England ..... 4 pr ct = do
3 months sight Bank Bills ..... 3 1/2 pr ct = do
6 „ „ „ ..... 3 1/2 pr ct = do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills ..... 3 7/8 pr ct = do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills ..... 3 7/8 pr ct = do

INTEREST—
Day to-day loans ..... 3 pr ct = + 3/4
7 day market loans ..... 3pr ct = + 1/8

Rubber.—Para Rubber 2s. 10 3-4d.

Wheat—Club No. 1, 3t May-June, Hull Sellers.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Cawnpore 35 1-2 June-July. Business done. Tone steady.

Linseed—Bold 42 1-4 June-July. Sellers, Tone quiet.

Arrivals.—Steamers Springwell and Abergeldie.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 50,00,000

Rs. 2,70,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
„ 40,80,000 do. Bombay.
„ 5,00,000 do. Madras.

Rs. 48,50,000, at 1s. 3 31-32d.
Minimum rate received 5 per cent.
Telegraphic Transfers—
Rs. 1,50,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
„ ..... do. Bombay.
„ ..... do. Madras.

Rs. 1,50,000 at 1s. 4 1-32 d.
Minimum rate received 5 per cent.
Total amount sold during week, Rs. 54,10,000.
Amount to be alloted next week, Rs. 50,00,000.
Extra allotments Bills on Bombay Rs. 2,20,000 at 1s. 4d.

In Liverpool—

Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats firm. Manchester firm. Total sales 8,000. Spot 6·42—2. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000. Imports 23,000. Arrivals closed strong.

May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
6·14	6·12	6·08	5·91
+7	+8	+8	+8
Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan. Jan.-Feb.
5·49	5·41	5·09	4·98 4·97
+19	+19	+19	+18 +19

In New York.—

Receipts at the Port	9,600 bales.
Do. last year	3,000 „
Exports to Great Britain	2,000 „
Do. do. Continent	2,000 „
Mid-Uplands	12·15 + 30
Futures, month of July	11·35 — 19
Do. do. December	9·39 + 21

In New Orleans—

Spot	11 5/8 + 1-16
Futures, month of August	11·78 + 3
Do. do. November	9·28 + 21
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 48 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, 20th May 1903 :—

Cotton	9,980 bales.
Wheat	34,730 cwts.
Linseed	21,789 „
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	27,725 „
Gingellyseed	6,108 „
Poppyseed	4,294 „
Groundnuts	152 „
Castorseed	3,992 „
Rice	2,416 „
Myrabolams	4,935 „
Cottonseed	21,479 „

BOMBAY, THURSDAY, MAY 20.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T. T.			1s. 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand			1s. 4 1-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight,	D. A.		1s. 4 3-32.
Do	6 do	do	1s 4 3-81.
French Francs	3 do	do	170 1-2
Marks	3 do	do	138 3-4
Hongkong	30 Days'	Sight	126
Shanghai	30 do	do	176
Japan	30 do	do	151 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash	Rs. 98-11
1st Settlement	Rs. 98-11

Money Market—Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	21st October	4 per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 21st May	8 do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 16th May	6 do.
Bank of Madras	do. 21st April	7 do.

SEEDS.

Linseed.—Tone quiet. Rs a. p.
Ready 7 5

Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.
Brown Cawnpore Ready ... 5 11
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready ... 6 0
Yellow Guzerat Ready ... 6 2

Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.
Ready 7 10 6

Castorseed—Tone unchanged,
Ready 21 8

WHEAT—Tone steady.
Soft Red Ahmedabad ..... Rs. 28 8 0
Club No. 1 ..... Rs. 30 0 0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	firm.
Estimated sales	8,000
Total imports	6,000

May.-June	June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
6·15	6·12	6·08	5·91
+12			
Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·47	5·16	5·05	5·01
+5	+5	+5	+3
		Jan. Feb.	
		5·01	
		+4	

COTTON.—Tone firm. Exporters continue buying quetly, principale high grade Oomra and Broach, Local Mills are buying at ruding rates to a fair extents. The Sutta market is unsettled and the rate for good Bhownugger for 25 May delay is quoted from Rs. 205 to Rs. 207.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

	Growths	Fine	F.-G.	Good	
Bengals H. G. (Ry. terms)	...	180	170	163	25 May.
Bengals M.G. (Ry. terms)	...	189	180	...	do
Sind-Punjab (M. G.)	...	188	179	...	do
Belgi M. G	...	196	185	...	do
Khandesh M. G.	...	182	174	...	do
Abola M. G.	}	197	188	...	do
Khamgaum do					
Karanja do	/				
Damangaum Poolgaum M.G.		205	194	...	do
Nagpur M. G.	...	205	195	...	do
Broach do	...	247	240	...	do
Bhownugger do	...	225	217	210	do
Do H. G.	...	221	213	205	do
S.-G. Dharwar	...	...	...	233	do
Westerns	...	...	...	214	do

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 20.

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2¾ per cent. Consols	91 3-4
3 per cent Rentes	97 3-4
¾ 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	108
¾ 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	65 13-16
Bar Silver	25 3-16

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort southern and Esplanade	3	2	6
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	3	3	22
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada.	10	8	23
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	2	1	3
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	13	11	22
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	1	1	7
G Mahim and Worli	13	19	17
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	4	16
Total	45	43	116
Total(plague)deaths to date	261,174	113,125	
Same date last year	29	26	86

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2, for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line, CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

HUDDLESTON—STRACHEY—April 25, at Florence, Lieut Willoughby Baynes Hudleston, of the Royal Indian Marine Service, to Mary Laurence, daughter of Sir John Strachey, G C S I.

DEATH.

WICKHAM—May 15, at Woolwich, of scarlet fever, 2nd Lieut Claude Edward Wickham, Army Service Corps, eldest son of Lieut-Colonel W Wickham, C B, Indian Army, aged 18 years.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

YATES—May 17, the wife of J A Yates, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BOALTH—May 14, at Calcutta, Muriel Ella, the dearly laved and only child of Charlotte Ada and George William Boalth, aged 10 months and 18 days.

BLACKWOOD—April 18, after 4 years' illness, Harold Tresethner Blackwood, aged 35.

MOLE—May 9, at Sherfield, Simla, Esther Nora, the infant daughter of Philip and Nina Mole, born 1st March 1902.

RODRIGUES—Winifred Amelia Rose, the eldest and dearly beloved daughter of the late Mr H O H Rodrigues, Manager, Commt Office, Mandalay. Born 8th January, 1875, died 18th May, 1903.

WATSON—May 14, at the Ramsay Hospital, Naini Tal, of abscess of the liver, Major R H Watson, 33rd Punjan Inf., aged 40. Deeply regretted by his brother officers.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 24m. Sun sets, 6h. 29m. High water, 7-40a.m., 7-46p. Low water, 1-23a.m., 1-33p.

Contested Municipal Bye-election, Maidan, 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Badham Pile and Co., annual meeting, 4-30 p. m.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—A crab eating Macaque monkey (Macacus cynomolgus) has been presented to the Zoological collection by Mr

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THE FUTURE OF THE SOUDAN.

WHEN Sir Reginald Wingate sent in his report on the progress which had been achieved in the Soudan, Lord Cromer remarked that he thought that progress was under, rather than over, estimated. Immediately after the re-occupation he visited the country, and found the prospect very far from encouraging. The country had been devastated. The population had been more than decimated by famine, disease, and external and civil war. Scarcely a germ of civilisation existed, and a whole administrative and fiscal system had to be created afresh. On the occasion of his last visit to the Soudan, something over a year ago, Lord Cromer was agreeably surprised to much progress had been made. The general impression left on his mind was not only that the country had begun to move, but that it was moving even more rapidly than could have been expected. Sir R. von Slatin, who travelled the length and breadth of the land in his capacity of Inspector-General, writes in a similar strain, and declares that the whole situation in the Soudan is satisfactory. Everywhere he went, from north to south and from east to west, he found that compared with the previous year villages and cultivation had increased ; the population was larger and wealthier ; flocks and herds were more numerous ; security prevails ; and general satisfaction was expressed with the present rule. With returning confidence in the stability and intentions of the Government "those remarkable pioneers of commerce, who are to be found in such large numbers among the Greek community, have established themselves in almost every town in the country." But what the Soudan mainly requires, in the opinion of Lord Cromer, is the outlay of capital on a large scale to improve the very defective means of communication which at present exist. He is persuaded that it is quite hopeless to expect that unaided private enterprise will supply this want. In view of the certainty that a considerable period will have to elapse before any outlay will be remunerative, Lord Cromer has no hesitation in claiming Government assistance. He thinks it neither just nor desirable to throw the burden on the British tax-payer. The Soudan expenditure is still in excess of the income. The Egyptian Government is to help, not by increased taxation, but by maintaining such taxes as now exist, and such a course is undoubtedly strictly consistent with Egyptian interests. If due care and deliberation are exercised, if the projects on which capital is spent are chosen after a thorough examination of their merits and practicability, and if everything in the nature of undue haste and precipitation be avoided, money in fairly adequate quantities may eventually be found both for the improvement of the Egyptian administrative services and for the development of the Soudan.

Possibly the Soudan would have attracted more attention if the war in South Africa had not followed so soon on its re-conquest by Lord Kitchener. Its development was handicapped in consequence, and money was poured in upon the new colonies. The Soudan has been lost sight of. But the friends of that country seem to have decided to bring it prominently to notice. To that end Mr. John Ward's paper in the new issue of the "Monthly" does good services. It will attract visitors, and private speculation almost invariably follows the globe-trotter. Gold was once a great source of wealth to the Soudan, and there are hopes of the rediscovery of the mines. Ancient workings have been found, and are now being examined by mining experts. Geological surveys give indications of veins of coal and iron, which would do more than gold to provide wealth for the impoverished land. It may be that the Soudan is poor in material resources, but that conjecture requires proof. It was rich, passing rich, at one time, and it was not that the natural resources were exhausted that the country became poor. Those causes have been made clear by Lord Cromer who is more sanguine as to the future of the Soudan than he was, when he took it over, of Egypt. But we have faith in the attractions of the country drawing visitors, among them scientists, who will reveal its unknown wealth, and show the private speculator where he may place his money with advantage both to the country and himself. When Mr. Ward visited the Soudan last year he was much struck by the abundant indications of great ancient wealth and civilisation and its richness to embarrassment in antiquarian remains. There are hundreds miles of land along the river, once inhabited but now depopulated—whole regions thickly strewn with the sites of ruined cities, temples, pyramids, and tombs. Mr. Ward meditates among them, and trembles with apprehension lest the hand of the spoiler shall soon be laid upon them as they were on similar remains in Egypt.

The monuments are to be preserved with the utmost possible care, but it will not be found such an easy task as would appear. With the same fine climate as of former years, and peace such as the country never before enjoyed, with slavery and slave-raiding abolished, the people will soon increase and multiply. Then the deserted cities will be re-built with the stones that lie there, unless their historic value be accurately determined, and the spoliation of sacred buildings be prevented. Mr. Ward is strong in his advocacy of the careful preservation of ancient monuments, though he cannot fail to see that with the great measures now in progress for the regeneration of the country the time must come when the antiquities of the Soudan will draw tourists from all parts of the world, such as now annually visit Egypt. Meanwhile the native is to be instructed through the sheiks and headmen that all ruins are the property of the State and must be guarded from injury. This step may have the desired effect, but it will be remembered that the temptation to turn conveniently dressed blocks of stone to emergent purposes is very strong to a poor man. When scientific explorers visited the Upper Nile in the last century the destroying Turk was the ruling power, and, as Mr. Ward cannot deny, it was then considered a virtue to carry off any portable monuments for safety. With the Soudan the case is different, and if the archæologist desires to see its treasures he must travel there. The Soudan is a terra incognita to the general British public, and is likely to remain so except in so far as scientists shall reveal its mysteries. Explorers with a vast diversity of objects in view will soon tell us all there is to tell, and Lord Cromer's bright dreams as to the future of the country will doubtless be realised. But the development will be slow until the precise direction in which the capitalist can profitably invest his money can be definitely pointed out. We do not anticipate, however, that he will have long to wait.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

THE mortality of the city of Bombay is still declining; the mille rate is now assuming almost respectable proportions. Last week there were 861 deaths, and the rate per thousand per annum was 57·69 affording a marked contrast with the frightful figures recorded a week or two ago. The decline during the seven days amounted to 82. The decrease was thus by no means so remarkable as in the previous week, but that was due to the fact that the figures have now reached the normal for the time of the year, and further decreases can hardly be great unless a very unusual improvement in the city's health takes place. It is very gratifying to observe that notwithstanding the enormous total of deaths in the city a short time ago, the general health of the population is better than is usually the case at the present time of the year. Although the death rate is higher by six per thousand per annum than was the case in the corresponding week of last year it is less by eight per thousand per annum than the mean for the same period in the past five years. This feature of the city's health is all the more remarkable, because the number of deaths from plague, small-pox, and measles is still comparatively high. These diseases, indeed, account for 135 more deaths last week than the average, and they alone are responsible for 16 per cent. of the total death rate, or in actual figures nine per thousand per annum. Leaving plague and small-pox out of the question, then, the health of the city is better by 15 per thousand per annum than has usually been the case during the present period of the year. Plague accounted for 315 deaths, 91 more than during the corresponding week of last year, and 76 more than the mean of the five years. The various districts, however, all record greatly reduced totals. In Byculla 43 deaths occurred, and in Worli there were 40 fatal cases. In only two other districts, however—Mahim and Bhuleshwar—did the disease claim more than 20 victims. Small-pox again accounted for as many as 59 deaths, the greatest number being registered in Umarkhadi. Measles is evidently declining. Last week there were 22 fatal cases due to that disease. Fevers are still less frequent than is usually the case at the present season. There were 40 deaths last week as against 68 in the corresponding period of last year and a five years' mean of 137. The aspect of the mortality from respiratory diseases is not quite so favourable as compared with last year, though it is a great deal below the five years' average. The health of the city as a whole, and excluding epidemic diseases, is much better than usual. The Jains, who are the greatest sufferers, record a death rate of 83 per thousand per annum. The death rate amongst Europeans was 16·9, four deaths having occurred amongst the community during the week.

THE CROPS IN BOMBAY.

IN all but two districts of the Presidency there is a plentiful supply of water, and agricultural operations are proceeding without delay although very little rain has fallen recently. Except in one district of Sind the harvest is now over, and cultivators are bestowing their endeavours upon the sowing of the next crop. In Karachi more damage to the adhava crops is reported owing to the depredations of insects. Otherwise, however, the crops is flourishing. Cultivators are everywhere engaged with the preparation of the land for kharif cultivation. In Gujarat there was no rain during last week. Ahmedabad agriculturists are engaged with the sowing of the summer crops, the irrigation of sugar cane, and the picking of cotton. In Kaira the standing rabi crops are being irrigated, and in Broach preparations for the kharif crops are in progress. In parts of the Konkan the burning of rab materials is not yet at an end. In all districts the crops are reported to be in excellent condition although in Ratnagiri locusts have appeared. There was no rain at all in Nasik, Ahmednagar, and Poona. In the former district the crops are doing well, but cattle are insufficient for the successful accomplishment of agricultural operations, and tagai advances are being made for the purchase of bullocks. In the hilly parts of the same district the water supply is failing and in several other talukas it is insufficient. In Ahmednagar also the water supply is inadequate. Conditions are satisfactory in the Southern Mahratta country except in Bijapur where the water supply is failing. Over the same area too locusts have appeared, and damage has been done to the garden crops. In Belgaum also depredations have been committed by locusts, the sugarcane crops having been attacked particularly. In other parts of the Presidency the agricultural situation presents no unusual feature. The price of rice is varying somewhat in Karachi, but in other parts of the province of Sind prices are stationary. In Gujarat prices are steady. In the Deccan they have risen slightly, and in other parts of the Presidency the position is unchanged.

ARTHUR SHREWSBURY.

THE tragic death of Arthur Shrewsbury, the famous Nottinghamshire cricket professional, will cause widespread regret throughout the cricketing world, and will be felt very keenly by his county whose chances of coming out high up in the championship table this season, at all events, will necessarily be lessened by the loss of a batsman of Shrewsbury's parts. Early this year it was known that Shrewsbury was not in the best of health, but at no time were fears ever entertained that he would through ill-health be compelled to give up his place in the Notts team. News to hand by last mail was of a somewhat reassuring nature for although it was stated that the great batsman had undergone an operation in London he had sufficiently recovered to be removed to his home in Nottinghamshire. The cause that prompted him to take his own life is stated by Reuter to be due to ill-health, and it is evident that his illness was of a much more serious nature than the home papers imagined. Be that as it may, there can be no doubt that in Arthur Shrewsbury has passed away the greatest professional cricketer of this or any age. His career as a first-class cricketer extended over a quarter of a century, and if any proof were needed of his wonderful resources as a batsman it is to be found in his performances last season when he headed the first-class batting averages, and made for the first time two separate centuries in a match. Shrewsbury has often been accused of playing slow cricket that verged on tediousness, but however slow his cricket may have been to watch, at times there can be no doubt, that when he was making runs his style was perfection. He certainly never developed into a stonewaller like Louis Hall, Barlow, or Scotton, and his methods though often heart-breaking to bowlers won more matches for Notts than those of other batsmen whose cricket was probably more brilliant. With the exception of Dr. W. G. Grace, William Gunn, and Abel he has made more centuries in first-class cricket than any other batsman either professional or amateur. His loss to English cricket will be incalculable, and there will be thousands who will miss him in matches at Trent Bridge. The last tribute it will ever be in the power of Notts to pay him was the abandoning of the match with Sussex reported in Reuter's telegram published to-day.

THE recommendations of Colonel Beatson's Committee on the Army Remount Department, Silladar Cavalry, and Imperial Service Cavalry, are being considered. It has so far been decided that no orders should be issued fixing the size of the young stock which may be bought by Regiments, and that it must be left entirely to the Regiments to decide whether to employ British or Native Officers on purchasing duty. The question of jennet breeding is being considered.

The Bank of Bombay Qsterday raised its rates of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 8 per cent.

THE report to which currency has been given by the local Simla paper to the effect that Lord Kitchener's sister is coming out to India proves to be without foundation.

MAJOR-GENERAL BURNETT, Commanding the Poona District, proceeds Home shortly on ninety days' privilege leave. Colonel Onslow, R. E., Commanding at Kirkee, will act.

THE two years' extension of service granted to Sir David Barr, Resident at Hyderabad, expires in November, but it is believed that he will continue till the end of March next.

COLONEL Deane, Chief Commissioner of the Frontier Province, arrived in Simla on Tuesday. He is on a visit to the Viceroy to discuss frontier questions, and is staying at Viceregal Lodge. Colonel Deane will probably remain in Simla for about a week.

AMONG officials who are proceeding Home on leave this week is Colonel Sir R. C. Temple, Bart., Chief Commissioner of the Andamans and Nicobar Islands and Superintendent of Port Blair. He is retiring from the service.

THE Madras Government have passed an order agreeing with the President of the District Board, Tanjore, and the Superintending Engineer, V. Circle, that the metalling of roads is not ordinarily a work of so important a character that the estimates need be sent to the Public Works Department for scrutiny. Articles 400 and 412 of the Local Fund Code will be amended in order to make this point clear.

H. H. THE NIZAM was to start for his shooting camp on Saturday. Considerable preparations had been made for his reception and a good many tigers are said to have been marked down. It is computed that no less than 23 tigers have been shot by sportsmen this year in the open districts of the Nizam's Dominions. Last year, the number was even higher.

MR. THORNHILL, a practical railway engineer with Mr. Cambell, a coal-mining expert, and Mr. Shute have arrived at Jammu and have already commenced the survey of another railway route to Kashmir via Akaur, Reassi, to Golabghur, where a big tunnel will be necessary. Every other possible route has been surveyed viz., the Murree route, the Abbottabad-Domel, and the Cheenab-Bichorla—and there is an expectation that this new alignment may prove more economical and shorter than the others.

IT is understood that Mr. A. Pedler, C. I. E., F. R. S., Director of Public Instruction in Bengal, who has proceeded home on leave, will retire on the expiry of his leave. Mr. Pedler was appointed to the Educational Department in January 1873, and has therefore, over 30 years' service to his credit. He has been Director of Public Instruction in Bengal since January 1899. Mr. A. C. Edwards, M. A. B. L., Principal of the Presidency College at Calcutta, acts for Mr. Pedler. Mr. Edwards was appointed to the Educational Department in April 1878.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending May 19th was 861, giving a death-rate of 57·69 per annum per thousand as against 51·12 the corresponding period of last year, and 65·82 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 40 died from fevers; 315, plague; 59, small-pox; 22, measles; 0, cholera; 2, leprosy; 55, phthisis; 37, diseases of the nervous system; 112, affections of the respiratory organs; 31, diarrhœa; 16, dysentery; 33, still-born; 82, old age and debility; 15, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 23; Brahmin, 21; Lingaet, 2; Bhatia, 2; Hindu of other caste, 440; Hindu low caste, 104; Mussulman, 201; Parsee, 26; Jew, 6; Native Christian, 20; Eurasian, 1; European, 4; Negro-African, 0; Buddhist, 1; other and unknown castes, 0. The total number of births was 229 as against 313 the corresponding period of last year, and 197 the average over the past five years.

THE four or five Russian travellers who were brought to Cabul some time ago and detained there under a short of arrest, are said to have adopted Mahomedanism, and now go about the city mixing freely with the people.

THERE appears to be some excitement among the Orakzais of Samana on account of the preachings of a Fakir of Maimana, who has been appealing to their feelings with some success. The connection is not at all political, the Fakir's teaching being that the people should drop their domestic differences and combine in smiting the Shiahs and Hindus, but especially the Shiahs.

SACKINGEN AND THE TRUMPETER.

A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

BEFORE that three days' plunge into my childschood—delightful or disastrous or merely funny as it might prove—it happened, writes Vernon Lee in the "Westminster," that I should make a fitting excursion into one of the realms of my childish fancy ; Sickingen, the town of Scheffel's Trompeter. For, having a couple of days to waste still before that visit which had waited nine-and-twenty years, the recollection of an illustration in Modern Painters led me to Rhienfelden ; and disappointment in Rheinfelden—the town walls built into byelectric works, the meadows between the owers filled with factory refuse—drove me for consolation to a neighbouring town I had seen from the train, and in which I thought I recognised the subject of another of Ruskin's Black Forest drawings : a straggling line of highpitched roofs, a tower, two pointed steeples, and a long covered timber bridge, over the Rhine. On a steaming autumn morning I walked there from the opposite station of Stein, on the Swiss bank ; along a flat road between apple trees, and lingeringly across the bridge, deliciously brown and cool, with the young Rhine rushing green beneath its piers. Then into Germany and the little town. It had a few houses with old-fashioned turrent windows—"Erker" is the word ; some nice wrought-iron signs of inns, a gaunt Jesuistic church with St. Fridolin conversing with a skeleton over the porch ; and a funny, pagoda-like seventeenth-century castle. And of course a Scheffel-house, duly inscribed with the birth and death and general glories of the poet of the "Trompeter." For the town was Sackingen. I entered the only stationer's, and piously bought the poem, in Teutonic embossed binding, with Wernher Kirchhof trumpeting away in gold and crimson. Shall I ever read it ?

I had not done so since my childhood. Or speaking more correctly, I had never read it even then. It was doled out to me, quotations and precis where it grew long-winded, in the little Swiss schoolroom twenty-nine years ago, over the copybooks and inkstands and the cups of coffee, by that dear, long lost friend the very one I was about to seek, plunging rather rashly into that gulf of Time. She used to bring the volume—just such a binging, only its gold and crimson embossings a little the worse for wear—to my daily lesson; and, if my sums and grammar and my theme were not too utterly disgraceful, she would reward me, and also her dear self, with the tale of how the roving musician (Ge mans have a way of roving for no visible reason and it is so dear of them) fell in love with the daughter of the Baron of Sackingen, and how he made songs, and was counselled and consoled by the magic tomcat Hiddigeigei; and everyone lived happy ever after. . . .

O dear German childhood in that schoolroom panelled with porcelain stove where we baked apples ! Dear German things never seen since : book sheavily embossed or girt with orange labels—Konversations-Lexikons, bound years of Gartenlaube, stray volumes of Schiller and Goethe with their inspired curly heads in relief on the cover, and golden lyres and laurels ; Mozart's Letters also ; but best of all, the things unwritten—scraps of poetry, legends, tales of mystery, stored away behind the wide, candid brows, the kind young earnest eyes of my dear teacher : all summed up, symbolised for me in Scheffe's Trompeter, and this little town of Sackingen.

There was not much to see there, it is true ; in fact, less than at Rheinfelden, where there had seemed to be nothing ! But there was lots to think, to feel about. For how much of what seem to us the genius loci is, after all, a genius vitae, a kind of Lares and Penates of one's own, a pocket idol like the toys children put under their pillow to dream about ; and who knows ?—a humble relation of the genius of Death ?

The past ? Well, of courses it wasn't there But why regret it ? It had not been better, certainly, than this delightful present of delicate cordiality and fine workadayness ; and as a matter of fact in two hours I got to know three dear new friends better than I had really known that dear old friend in many years of childish intercourse, for a child knows very little of the reality of those it loves. And if she had come to see again eluded me—refused, in a way, to let me see and feel her presence—why, there was the charm of rediscovering her looks, thoughts, ways, of long ago in her two daughters, each a living half of her old self : the dainty, reserved young housewife and the ardent student fresh from the university. And yet . . . It was unreasonable ; but I went on feeling I had not found what I had come for ; I had come, absurdly enough, to see two people of long, long ago—her and myself . . .

Perhaps the daughters guessed it. Be this as it may, they so arranged that on my last day there we too should be left together alone. It was unexpected ; and I found myself, without any preface, going to the neighbouring town alone with my old friend. We got out of the train and wandered about the picturesque Swiss city, with overhanging roofs and turrets and fountains with knights upon them. We looked at the shady bastions, the great Jesuit church, the big clock, where, even as at Sackingen, a knight in armour converses with Der Tod and dragon gargoyles of twisted iron spout from above. We got a rickety Einspanner and drove into the hill country, noticing old country houses, turreted and hedged, of the rural patricians of former days We even went to a little extinguisher-shaped chapel against whose white washed walls under some beech trees, Kosciusko lies buried, Finis Polonia ; and we said all the things proper under the circumstances. But of the past we never talked ; never alluded to those twenty-nine years ago ; never, in fact, found each other or ourselves, It seemed hopeless At last the time for returning home approached. We went back to the station and prepared to go back exactly as we had come But we had mistaken the train, and had to wait an hour hard by on a bench under big trees by the river. The river was the Aar—wide, swift, and green—with the cocked hat roofs, the striped shutters of a great tith barn beyond, and the towers of the town. It made me think of Bern ; and a story came vaguely into myhead in whichthat sameAar at Bern somehow played a part. "Do you remember," I asked shily, the story you used to tell me about some wonderful ladies—sisters—who lived I don't quite know when, down by the river at Bern. It was very mysterious and strange and it was called 'The Light in the Corridor.' Do you remember ?

"Yes," she answered gravely. "But you are mixing up two different stories. The 'Light in the Corridor' was about a wicked stepmother—don't you recollect ? but it had nothing to do with the Aar. The one you are thinking of was the story of the five mysterious English sisters who lived at Bern."

"Of course ! And there was one who was called . . . could it have been Zenobia ? . . .

"Palmyra," she corrected "There was Apolloni, Polydora, Palmyra !" She pronounced they German fashion, as a diphthong and that name pronounced was the open sesame of my childhood.

I recognised her earnest, dramatic voice, and recognised my own breathless listening. We sat there for an hour, waiting for the train, on the bench beneath the big trees, with the green, rushing river and the fantastic sentimental old German town in front of us ; she telling stories and I listening.

"And when did it all happen?" I asked, at the conclusion of one of those well known tales; and I remembered that I had always ended with that question.

"I suppose about a hundred years ago," she answered.

"Surely . . ." I demurred, "not anything so long as that? I thought only . . . well sixty or seventy?

My friend turned round with her good grave smile

"Yes—then; but it is thirty years since last I told it you"

Then she drew out her watch.

The train is almost due we must go she said, grasping her umbrella.

We rose and walked silently to the station. Our afternoon together was over. But we had found each other, ourselves, again.

So ended my excursion into my childhood, into the realms of the Trompeter von Sackingen.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ATROCITIES IN THE CONGO.

GRAVE STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS.

MOTION IN THE HOUSE.

ENQUIRY TO BE INSTITUTED.

LONDON, MAY 21.

In the House of Commons, last night, Mr. Samuel moved that the Congo having guaranteed that the natives should be governed humanly, and no trading monopoly be permitted, this House requests the Government to confer with the signatories of the Berlin Act with a view to measures to abate to evils prevalent in the Congo.

After a debate, in which no member defended the Congo administration and the gravest statement were made regarding atrocities committed and the ruin of British trade, the Government accepted the motion.

Lord Cranborne said that difference of opinion existed regarding the monopoly clause of the Berlin Act, but Government was unable to admit that the system established had not contravened the Act, but Government would institute an exchange of views on that point, also regarding any evidence of general misgovernment which could be submitted to the Congo authorities.

THE TRANSVAAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PROSPECTS OF THE COUNTRY.

PROMINENT BOERS ABSENT.

At the opening of the enlarged Legislative Council of the Transvaal yesterday Sir Arthur Lawley said that besides a diamond mine, promising to eclipse anything yet discovered, copper and iron are likely to be developed on a large scale.

The absence of prominent Boers was noteworthy.

THE AMERICAN COTTON MARKET.

BIG FIRM COMBINES.

TO ARREST SPECULATION.

LONDON, MAY 20.

The great cotton firm of McFadden has combined with a conspicuous speculator to arrest the sensational speculation in cotton at New York.

Cash will be required on every contract.

ANTI-CLERICAL RIOTS IN FRANCE.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OPPOSED.

VOTE IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

LONDON, MAY 21.

After an animated debate the French Chamber has approved the policy of the Government in connection with ecclesiastical matters by 313 against 237 votes.

NEW BRAZILIAN LOAN.

ISSUED BY THE ROTHSCHILDS.

LONDON, MAY 20.

The Rothschilds have issued a Brazilian five per cent. loan of £5,500,000. The price is 90.

The loan is for the purpose of harbour works.

COUNTY CRICKET.

DEFEAT OF SURREY BY ESSEX.

Essex has beaten Surrey by 260 runs.

The match between Sussex and Notts was abandoned owing to the death of Mr. Shrewsbury.

THE BULGARIAN CABINET.

LESS SUBSERVIENT TO RUSSIA.

A new Bulgarian Cabinet has been formed which is more friendly to Turkey and less subservient to Russia than its predecessors.

ASSASSINATION OF M. BOGDONOVITCH.

MURDERER ESCAPES.

THREATENS HIS PURSUERS.

The man who assassinated M. Bogdonovitch, the Governor of Ufa, escaped by threatening his pursuers with a revolver.

INDIAN TAXATION.

LONDON, MAY 21.

Lord George Hamilton, replying to a deputation which waited on him, urging the abolition of cotton import and countervailing duties in India, pointed to the ever present possibilities of famine and lack of reserve of resources on which Indian Government could draw. He was, therefore, unable to afford to relinquish any of existing sources of taxation.

THE BANK OF BENGAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 21.

The Bank of Bengal rate of interest for demand loans has been increased from 5 to 6 per cent.

INCESSANT RAIN IN MADRAS.

DANGER ON THE RAILWAY.

MADRAS, MAY 21.

Advices from Mavapadu on the north-east line state that owing to incessant rain several diversions have been rendered unsafe. All the trains have been stopped and passengers have been trollied to Mammaru Bridge. Improvement is impossible while the rains last. No night trains will be worked at present. The new bridge near Magapatlam where the disaster occurred to the Bombay mail last year has just been passed for traffic.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

SIMLA, MAY 21.

By order of his Majesty the King Emperor his birthday will not be celebrated in India on the 30th May next, and the holiday gazetted on that day is cancelled. Subsequent orders will be issued as to the date of the celebration of his Majesty's birthday.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

A notable decrease is taking place in the plague mortality throughout India, and the disease is now almost entirely confined to the Punjab. The official returns for the last week show a total of 15,403 deaths compared with 20,234 in the previous seven days. Decreases are reported from 16,212 to 12,206 in the Punjab, from 1,160 to 800 in the United Provinces, from 1,772 to 1,068 in the Bombay Presidency, from 351 to 186 in Bengal, and from 144 to 68 in Central India. On the other hand an increase from 120 to 650 is reported in Hyderabad.

THE NUMBER ON FAMINE RELIEF.

Sixty thousand one hundred and sixty-nine people are still in receipt of famine relief in the Central Provinces.

APPOINTMENTS IN THE P. W. D.

Mr. J. Manson officiates as Manager of the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway vice Mr. Burt gone on leave.

Mr. Algie officiates as Superintending Engineer in Burma vice Mr. Cood on leave.

Mr. Landon is appointed for three years as Public Works Engineer, and is posted to Bombay.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL APPOINTMENTS.

A change of some importance is being made in connection with the Government Archæological appointments in Upper India instead of the arrangement hitherto obtaining whereby there was one Government Archæologist for the United Provinces and another for the Punjab. These two areas will now be combined for archæological purposes into one circle, and there will be two Archæologists, one responsible for the Hindu and Buddhist buildings and the other for Mahomedan buildings throughout the entire area. Of these new appointments, which will be equivalent ones, that for the Hindu and Buddhist work will be filled by Mr. Vogel, hitherto General Archæologist to the Punjab Government, while that for the Mahomedan buildings will be held by Mr. E. B. Shepherd, a rising young architect, who has been selected at home by the Secretary of State for the purpose. Mr. Shepherd will make Agra his headquarters, and will spend a good deal of time each year on tour. He is now in Simla to consult with the Director-General of Archæology.

ENTERIC FEVER AT MADRAS.

...LORE, MAY 21.

Enteric fever has recently disappeared from the Garrison, but cases have recently occurred in the Mission School, one man from this ... and another to-day from the ...

THE ADAR JASHAN AT ... AR.

GATHERING AT ... POOR HALL.

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...HWAR, MAY 21.

The annual gathering of ladies and gentlemen, the ... at Shapoor Hall at Mahi... this evening, when Shum... ang Jamasp, High Priest ... med the religious ceremony, ... the Adar Jashan, and deliv... on the principles of the ... most emphatically eulogi... Zoroastrian faith. He ... opriate observations by ... rned scholar of the Pars... ly was requested to p... efreshments provided by ... and Mrs. Shapurjee Edu... chiefly came from Bo... d (Deccan).

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THE STORM IN BOMBAY.

DAMAGE ON LAND AND SEA.

THIRTY NATIVE CRAFT SUNK.

TWO LIVES LOST.

As we indicated yesterday considerable damage was done by the storm on Wednesday evening. The tremendous squall, which was the prelude to the downpour of rain, caught the native craft in the harbour unprepared, and as a consequence over thirty were sunk. Up to the present only two fatalities have been reported, and the fact that the loss of life was small is the only alleviating feature of an otherwise distressing occurrence.

Twelve tents on the Kennedy Sea Face and Maidan and the kanats of tents on the Cooperage and the Oval were blown down by the storm. During the storm over thirty native craft were sunk in the harbour. Captain J. R. Deane, the Harbour Master, had a very busy time in attending vessels which had dragged their anchors. One vessel actually fouled another. In all five vessels had to be removed, and two ships were led out of the way of sunken boats. There was also a demand for help from the Prong Light House. The custodians were in danger for some time. The ferry steamer Fairy Queen was unable to land her passengers, the sea being too rough. The vessel anchored off the Dock channel and the passengers were landed after the abatement of the storm. Several craft were sunk opposite the Docks. One boat belonging to Mr. Curumsey Damjee, laden with about 400 packages for transhipment to Karachi, and another laden with matches belonging to Messrs. Glaie and Company, also for transhipment to Karachi, were sunk alongside the steamer Katoria. Another boat with about 700 planks was also sunk opposite the dock. Mr. Piper was instrumental in salving a good number of packages, and several of the crew from the s. s. India assisted in this work. At the Arthur Basin at Colaba about thirty unpressed bales belonging Mr. Dayal Moorarjee were jettisoned in order to save the boat and the crew. In addition a good deal of damage was done to the cotton jathas at Colaba, and a large number of bags of grain and seed stacked for shipment were damaged by the rain.

The storm started from the east by south veering round through the south-west, and struck the eastern shore of Bombay. Nine prows, all loaded with cargo, consisting of cases of silk, bales of cotton, consignments of wine, and other articles, were sunk in the docks. Mr. Southwell Piper, the Dock Master, and his subordinates, assisted by the engineering departments and the stewards of the P. and O. s. s. Indus, were engaged all the night in salving the cargo. One of the prows, which had sunk in the Victoria Docks, would have caused obstruction to the other vessels entering the docks, but was at once removed. About 600 bales of cotton and 250 packages of other goods were salved.

A number of native craft were also sunk in the harbour. From one of them No. 1010, which was loaded with sand for the Taj Mesal Hotel, and had anchored at the Apollo Bunder, two of the crew named Dana Dharma and Mawa were drowned. When the storm broke the tindal of the prow tied a piece of rope to the ring of the wall of the Apollo Bunder and ten of the crew were rescued. The two deceased while trying to escape in the same way missed their footing and disappeared in the water. The body of one of them was found floating near the coal depot yesterday morning at 5 a.m. and the other was discovered later on. Both of them were disposed of by the police. The craft which sank were anchored at the Grass Bunder, Apollo Bunder, Sassoon Dock, Stone Bunder, and Carnac Bunder. They were loaded with cotton, coal, and sundry other articles. One of the prows had taken a European naval officer to his ship which was at anchor off the Apollo Bunder and had three seamen on board. When the officer alighted from the prow one of the crew went up to his ship to receive his pay, and in the meantime the prow went down. The other boatmen were, however, taken up by a passing launch.

On Wednesday afternoon about 2-30 p.m. a party of Europeans consisting of Miss Amy Smith, Mrs. Howldeo, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood, and five children had been to the Elephanta caves on a picnic. They left the Arthur Bunder in a Bunder Boat, and the storm broke upon them about 5 p. m. After a rough passage they drifted across to Sewri Bunder. Much anxiety was felt in Bombay for their safety. The harbour police were informed of the party having set sail to the Elephanta Caves and a search party under Inspector Jebb was organised to hurry up to their rescue. But before they could start Mr. R. F. Smith, custodian of the Town Hall, sent a telephonic message to Mr. Jebb to the effect that the party had arrived safe home.

Dozens of tiles were blown off the roof of the Afghan Memorial Church at Colaba. Dr. Penno was inside the Church at the time, with the Rev. H. Rountree, and the sound of the falling tiles made it appear almost that part of the tower had fallen. A good deal of water found its way into the Church, but the damage was not great.

Below we give particulars as to the native craft which were sunk in the harbour :—

Prow No. 4479, Tindal Mahadeo Ramji, was at anchor off the Prince's Dock laden with cotton bales belonging to Volkart Brothers, value Rs. 10,000 sunk.

Prow No. 4949, Tindal Raimon Khan Esuf Khan, laden with planks, valued at Rs. 2,000, belonging to Shaik Mahomed Soomry.

Prow No. 3144, Tindal Garoo Govind, laden with bones belonging to Mr. Curumsi Damjee sunk off Victoria Dock.

Prow No. 4887, Tindal Damjee Dhondoo, laden with coal, valued at Rs. 600, belonging to the B. I. S. N. Co., sunk at Darukhana.

Prow No. 2925, Tindal Krishna Esoo, laden with coal valued Rs. 500, belonging to Bhawoo Umaji, sunk at Darookhana.

Prow No. 2834, Tindal Sallodin valad Babu, laden with 110 bales gunny bags, valued at Rs. 11,000, belonging to Messrs. Vikram Ebrahim and Co., sunk off Bori Bunder.

Prow No. 6191, Tindal Baiwa Vittoo, laden with bricks valued at Rs. 175, belonging to Ramjee Ramjee Cumbar, sunk off Prince's Dock.

Prow No. 4081, Tindal Harry Surkie, laden with rice, value Rs. 2,100 sunk off Carnac Bunder.

Prow No. 3202, Tindal Narayen Abajee, laden with 100 bales cotton valued Rs. 10,000, belonging to Volkart Brothers, sunk off Prince's Dock.

Prow No. 3650, Tindal Basma Saaik Esmail, laden with grain, value Rs. 400, belonging to Bowanjee Ramjee and Co.

Prow No. 4155, Tindal Sitaram Pandoo, laden with cases of Brandy, value Rs. 5,000, belonging to Kashi Vanarsey, sunk alongside the Kattris.

Prow No. 4937, Tindal Rama Maloo, laden with 55 tons coal, value Rs. 600, belonging to B. I. S. N. Co.

Prow No. 2858, Tindal Narayen Dijee, laden with cotton bales, value Rs. 12,500 belonging to Volkart Brothers sunk off Princes Dock.

Prow No. 4976, Tindal Rama Bonajee, laden with 32 tons coal value Rs. 500 belonging to Bombay Gas Company.

Prow No. 4092, Tindal Narayen Ragoo, laden with Boilers, and cases, belonging to Dhanjeebhoy Pestonjee, sunk Gun Carriage Bunder.

Prow No. 7049, Tindal Saaik Osman Valad Shaik Ahir, laden with coir bales, value Rs. 450, belonging to Muljee Haridas, sunk near Prince's Dock.

Prow No. 3586, Tindal Naroo Suryia, laden with 468 bags of salt, value Rs. 7000, sunk in the stream.

Prow No. 5,079, Tindal Baaw Balajee, laden with a cargo and was proceeding to a steamer.

Prow No. 4205, Tindal Manajee Kamre, laden with 40 tons coal, value Rs. 500, belonging to Bombay Gas Co.

Jolly Boat No. 5516, Tindal Abdul Gaffar, sunk off Sassoon Doc.

Prow No. 4975 Tindal Gangajee Ganoo, laden with coal, valued Rs. 600, belonging to Hajee Cassum.

Prow No. 2703, Tindal Miya Baba, laden with 404 bags of salt.

valued Rs. 7,000 belonging to Hajee Karimbhai.

Prow No. 238, Tindal Velaikaik sunk in the dock.

Prow No. 4876, Tindal Vitho Luxuman, laden with coal, valued Rs. 600, belonging to B. I. S. N. Company.

Prow No. 3212, Tindal Rikana, laden with firewood, sunk at Darookhana.

Prow No. 2199, Tindal Luxuman Babaiee, laden with coal, valued Rs. 800, belonging to Mahomed Dawla Khatalion, sunk at Darookhana.

Prow No. 3627, Tindal Sitwa Govind, laden with coal valued Rs. 1,000 belonging to coal mill manufacturing Co; sunk at Dharukhana.

Prow No. 5050. Tindal Rama Dadoo, laden with coal, valued Rs. 650, belonging to Harilal Jagonath; sunk at Darukhana.

Prow No. 4822, Tindal Ragoo Bhanoo, laden with one boiler and 4 wheels, belonging to B. B. & C. I. Railway, valued Rs. 2000, sunk near Sassoon Dock. The tindal and a lascar are missing from this boat.

Prow No. 4193, Tindal Tatia Sadoo, laden with boiler and wheels, valued Rs. 1,000, belonging to Pestonjee Dhunjeebhoy.

Prow No. 2,692, Tindal Hari Bhicajee, laden with general cargo, valued Rs. 6,000, belonging to Hari Sadashiv.

Prow No. 5111, Tindal Sonoo Jewajee laden with 400 tins of oil. valued Rs. 1,000, sunk in the Harbour.

Prow No. 4854, Tindal Bhagwan Vithoo, laden with 55 tons of coal, valued Rs. 800, belonging to P. Nusserwanjee Khumbata.

Prow No. 4530, Tindal Sicoaram Ragoo, laden with coal, valued Rs. 710 belonging Manomed Damoler, sunk at Daoo kana.

Prow No. 3243, Tindal Toocaram Jenraj, laden with coal. valued Rs. 700, belonging to Lukha Casteor.

Prow No. 9126, laden with kerosine oil, valued Rs. 700, sunk at Stone Bunder.

Prow No. 2467 Tindal, Rama Govind, laden with bales of cotton, valued Rs. 2000, belonging to Volkart Brothers, sunk at the Dock entrance.

Prow No. 4,495, Tindal Ramojee Luxmen, laden with general cargo, valued Rs. 1,000 belonging to Keshawjee, sunk at Stone Bunder.

Prow No. 4821 Tindal Ramchander Dewoo, laden with Coal, valued Rs. 600, belonging to Bilal Jagannath, sunk at Doorookhana.

Prow No. 3526, Tindal Withoo, laden with coal, valued Rs. 500, belonging to Canjee Banjee, sunk at Doorookhana.

Prow No. 522, Tindal Sonoo Vithoo, laden with Coal, valued Rs. 1,500. sunk at Dharoo Khana.

Prow No. 4061, Tindal Bhicajee Esoo, sunk at Carnac Bunder.

Prow No. 4256, Tindal Nana Gonoo, laden with coal, valued Rs. 600, sunk at Doorookhana.

Prow No. 2149, Tindal Veroo Bapoo, laden with 930 cases of Kerosine oil, valued Rs. 2850, sunk at Dyarookhana.

Prow No. 3979, Tindal Viram Govind laden with coal valued Rs. 600, belonging to the Bombay Gas Company, sunk at Dassookhana. Prow No. 4805, Tindal Massic Pandoo, laden with coal valued Rs. 600, sunk at Doorookhana.

Prow No. 4,264 Tindal Pandoo Mahadoo laden with coal, valued Rs. 600, sunk at Dharookhana.

Prow No. 2366, Tindal Kashiram Babaje, laden with coal valued Rs. 400, sunk alongside of s. s. Sirsa.

Prow No. 2829, Tindal Keshow Hadra, laden with coal. valued Rs. 330, sunk at Doorookhana.

Prow No. 2487, Tindal Pandoo Harry, laden with coal valued Rs. 300, sunk at Dharookhana.

Prow No. 3157, Tindal Essoo Viram, at Doorokhana.

BOMBAY SERVICES.

THE Hon'ble Mr. Justice W H Crowe, Barrister-at-Law, I C S, Judge of his Majesty's High Court, Bombay, is granted privilege leave on full pay for one month with effect from the 18th April to be followed by furlough for four and a half months.

Captain F. W. Wodehouse is appointed Administrator, Radhanpur State, the lien on his appointment in British Service is suspended and Captain H F Jacob is appointed First Grade Assistant Political Agent, these orders to take effect from 3rd February.

Lieutenant-Colonel G B O'Donnell, Political Agent, Fourth Grade, on completion of his Border Court duty, becomes Political Agent, Savantvadi, vice Mr L P Walsh, CIE, Political Agent, Third Grade.

Captain H Harrison, Assistant Political Agent, Second Grade, on return to duty, becomes Assistant Political Resident, Aden.

Mr J B Jenkins, on relief, becomes Assistant Superintendent of Police, Thar and Parkar.

The following appointments have been made vice Mr H J H Henderson, retired :—

Mr H M Gibbs to be First Grade Superintendent of Police. Sir Edmund Cox, Bart, to be Second Grade Superintendent of Police, Mr J R Tregear to be Third Grade Superintendent of Police, Mr J G Foard to be Fourth Grade Superintendent of Police, Mr D G Ommanney to be Fifth Grade Superintendent of Police. Mr G H White to be First Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr J A Guider acts as District Superintendent of Police, Poona, during the absence on leave of Mr M Kennedy, or pending further orders.

Mr H M Judge acts as First Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr E H Aitken transferred.

Mr H Wadham acts as Second Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr Judge.

Mr R W Maidment acts as Second Assistant Collector of Customs, Bombay, vice Khan Bahadur Fazalullah transferred and during the absence of Mr H Crawford on leave.

Mr F A Ingle acts as Third Assistant Collector of Customs, Bombay, vice Mr Maidment.

Mr J L McQuade acts as First Assistant Collector of Customs, Bombay, vice Mr Laikaka.

Mr W F Moore acts as Sixth Assistant Collector of Customs, Bombay, vice Khan Bahadur Fazalullah.

Mr J H DuBoulay, ICS, is allowed privilege leave for one month.

Mr C S F Crofton, BA (Cantab), ICS, on return to duty, becomes Assistant Collector, Nasik.

Mr C S F Crofton, ICS, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr C Griffiths is authorised to pilot vessels in the port of Aden.

Lieutenant-Colonel H W B Boyd, F R C S (I), I M S, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months from date of departure.

Mr J R Carpenter, Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months and twenty-seven days.

The services of Mr C C Watson, I C S, are placed at the disposal of the Government of India.

Lieutenant-Colonel R J Baker, M D, I M S, acts as Physician, St George's Hospital, Bombay, in addition to his own duties, except those of Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Colaba, during the absence on privilege leave of Lieutenant-Colonel H W B Boyd, F R C S (I), I M S.

Captain H M Moore, I M S, acts as Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Colaba, in addition to his own duties during such period as Lieutenant-Colonel Baker performs the duties of Physician, St. George's Hospital, Bombay, in addition to his own as Presidency Surgeon, Second District.

FIRE ESCAPES AND THE FIRE BRIGADE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Some days back while we were driving we saw the Fort Fire Brigade running, at full speed towards the Crawford Market. On enquiry we learnt that a fire had broken out somewhere near Jumma Masjid. Some fifteen minutes later we saw the vehicle, belonging to the Fort Fire Brigade, with its ladder, being pulled at an ordinary pace by a few men to the scene of the fire, to rescue the lives of those who were in risk of being burnt alive. Is it not very strange that persons, in a house on fire, living on the third and fourth storeys where the staircases are already ablaze, should receive no help when their lives are in imminent danger, for such a length of time? We have observed often that the ladder reaches the scene of the fire half an hour or so after the Fire Brigade. Can the Municipality not arrange to have the ladder vehicle also drawn by horses to enable it to arrive earlier at such a critical time?

B. G. S., & Y. D. G.,

AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA vs. ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE.

THE re-played tie between the Bombay Gymkhana and Elphinstone College was played on the Cooperage last evening. The teams were the same as on the previous occasion, with the exception of one change in the Gymkhana team, Hales taking Lazenby's place at back, and Lazenby going forward. The game throughout was fast and exciting. The Collegians got the best of the opening bully and got to business very quickly. They were driven back, only to come down with a rush, and to put the ball through after the game had been in progress little more than five minutes. This delighted the spectators outside the enclosure. However the Gymkhana played up with spirit, and for the next twenty minutes the game was very even. Sticks was called very frequently, and as a consequence the play veered from end to end of the ground. A moment before half time the Gymkhana got right down by a well combined forward run, and a well earned goal was saved by their centre forward. Half time thus arrived with the score equal.

On the resumption the Collegians again got away very quickly, and from a long centre their inside, left scored a surprise goal. Several times after this the Gymkhana had hard lines. Several prolonged and exciting scrimmages took place within the ring, but notwithstanding some serious mistakes on the part of the Collegians goal-keeper the ball was got away. After ten minutes play, however, the Gymkhana again rushed the ball through. With the score at two goals each time was approaching, and it looked as though another draw would be the result. However, two minutes from time the Collegians got the ball down by a quick run on the left wing, and scored the winning goal amid the enthusiasm of the native portion of the crowd. The result was—Elphinstone College 3 goals, Bombay Gymkhana 2 goals.

R. G. A. vs. TELEGRAPH.

Almost from start to finish there was but little interest to be taken in the game played on the Oval between the R. G. A. and the Telegraph Clubs. The Gunners who in some quarters are regarded as having a good chance of winning the Tournament, had matters all their own way, and never allowed their opponents to become dangerous. The Gunners circle was not once invaded, and their had but little to do. The whole attack was practically confined to the Telegraph half, and the latter, for a considerable period of play, were kept well within their own goal circle. The Artillery scored their first goal almost at the start, and before half time Lieut. Roche added a couple more to the credit of the Military. Crossing over with three goals to their credit the Gunners still pressed the attack Most loosing no time in adding the fourth goal. About five minutes before the close another point was scored off a shot from the left wing, and before time was sounded Lieut. McScav, who made a pretty run during the second half, notched the sixth and final goal for his side. The Gunners were far and away too strong a combination for the Civilian team, and on form should have scored many more points. That they did not do so is due probably to the fact that the forwar were a little heavy in front of the goal or else could not break through the congested state of the circle, where their opponents were kept hard at work on the defensive. Murray the Telegraph goal-keeper worked well, and was well supported by his club's back division, while in the Gunners' attack Roche and McCean did Admirably and in no small measure contributed to the win for the day. The score at the close of the match stood as follows :—R. G. A. 6 goals ; Telegraph nil.

The following were the teams :—

Government Telegraph Recreation Club :— W. Murray, goal ; T. Woodard and E. Perkins (backs), A. Barry W. Carr, and S. Corser, half-backs ; J. Montgomery, T. Cassels, A. Speechley, G Edwards and E Reeves forwards Reserve ; G Butcher.

R. G. A.—Bombardier Hill, goal ; Bombardier Scrivener and Gunner Waite, backs ; Gunners Fazey, Pearce, and Bombardier Goodsor, half-backs ; Gunner Wood, Lieutenant McLean, Gunner Munt, Lieutenant Roche and Bombardier Kruger forwards.

Refereers Messrs C M. Ward and Bromley.

COMING MATCHES.

The following ties are to be played the evening and to morrow in connection with the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament :—

Friday, 22nd.—Cathedral Old Boys, "B" team vs The Buffs, Oval.

Friday, 22nd.—21st Bombay Infantry vs. Royal Scots, Cooperage.

Saturday, 23rd.—North Staffords vs. Cathedral Old Boys "A" team, Cooperage.

Saturday, 23rd.—Bombay Education Society vs. 62nd Battery, R. F. A., Oval.

MAHABLESHWAR NOTES.

THERE has been a short downpour of rain to-day, writes our correspondent, which, it is to be hoped, augurs a favourable monsoon. On the whole the season has been a good deal better than usual, but there was a pleasant breeze when the race week and its accompanying gaities attracted many visitors. It has been announced that Government will assemble in Poona on the 8th June, and already there have been some departures from the Hill, though the Club quarters are still fairly well filled.

There has been a decrease in the number of social functions, but this only means that golf and lawn tennis are being played more keenly than ever.

The chief excitement of persons driving and riding is as to whether they will or will not meet the motor car of H. H. the Aga Khan, but so far there are no serious casualties.

His Highness has offered prizes for the lowest score (medal play) for both ladies and gentlemen, and the contest was to be played yesterday. I am not sure whether it is not intuition, but I believe the respective prizes were won by Major and Mrs. Anderson who are the strongest players on the Hill this year.

H. E. the Governor kindly offered two prizes for the successful pair in the Lawn Tennis Mixed Doubles Handicap, and the final tie was played off yesterday. Miss Smith and Mr. Stephen beat Mr. and Mrs. Rundall rather easily owing to lenient treatment of the former couple by the handicapper. The Ladies' Doubles Handicap is still to be played off, and several other golf competitions are in view.

Bridge is very popular in the Club where lady players regularly assemble. The last P. and O. boat took away a large number from the Hill, and the scramble for conveyances to go down in will soon begin.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

THE adjourned meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon at the Council Hall of the Bombay Municipality, Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram presiding.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

THE Commissioner submitted a letter from the Secretary to Government, General Departments, stating that the Government would not exercise their right to appoint Executive Engineer under section 75 of the Bombay Municipal Act for a further period of four months, and asked the Corporation to consider it as an urgent matter.

The Hon. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna proposed that the letter from the Secretary to Government be recorded and a copy of it be forwarded to the committee appointed by the Corporation on the subject of appointing Executive Engineer.

Dr. Cowasji Hormasji seconded the proposition. He said, the Government deserved their thanks for extending the time.

Mr. S. D. Khote asked who was to Act as the Executive Engineer till they made an appointment?

The president replied, Mr. Murzban would continue to act in the meantime.

Mr. Unwala remarked that he was sorry to find that the Press had commented rather unfavourably upon the attitude he took up with regard to this matter on the last occasion. The question raised by him was a constitutional one, and he still adhered to his opinion. The Government had no power to extend the time as was done by them, and the Corporation too could not make the appointment legally after the 24th instant. A rate payer could dispute such appointment if he is disposed to do so.

Dr. Sukhia proposed a rider to the proposition that thanks be tendered to the Government for extending the time. The rider was accepted and the proposition being put to the vote was carried.

EUROPEAN NOTES.

THE DESTINY OF RUSSIA.

REBUILDING OF THE CAMPANILE.

KING EDWARD IN THE PAPAL THRONE ROOM.

PARIS, MAY 1.

To all intents and purposes, Russia has annexed Manchuria. The process of peaceful penetration has at last terminated in entire subjugation. The commerce and the Consuls of all other nations are to be rigorously excluded. Evacuation, which was never other than a pretence, is yet further stultified by the appointment of a Sanitary Commission, which may be anything from a force of constabulary to an army of occupation, and by the telegraph concession, which implies a right to patrol the highways. The questions, therefore, arise how far we could have prevented such absorption in the past, and where it will end in the future. And here we may lay down the principle that neither by war nor diplomacy can we check such expansion, but only by what we may call counter-penetration. As we have discovered in the case of Turkey, it is futile to fight for the integrity of a decaying Empire, even where we emerge victorious. For a frontier is not a natural barrier, and if there be a pressure against it on the one side, it is clear that no treaty will make up for the lack of pressure on the other side. We hear so much of sea power that it is well for us to understand how ineffectual is its influence over the destinies of China. The strength of Russia's position is that she holds the hinterland—the inner lines of communication. The utmost that we could do would be to blockade her ports, and this calamity she so little fears that she inflicts it on herself by high protection. Sir Robert Hart has been blamed because he appointed a Russian to manage the Customs at Niuchwang, the proceeds of which Russia claims for her own banking account. But it is impossible to imagine that the Customs will remain under strictly international management where the spheres of influence have been severally allotted to and demarcated by the "penetrating" Powers. The collection of revenue must follow the general trend of administrative evolution.

The Power chiefly affected by these developments is, of course, Japan. She has arrived at a crisis where she must decide whether or not she still wishes to become a continental as well as an island Power. In our own case, the effort to acquire or to retain a slice of European territory has always led to disappointment. Happy is the country which, like Australia, is not burdened by a land frontier. It may be argued that our attempts to occupy France were frustrated by the uprising of national aspirations which have no counterpart in Corea. That does not alter the fact that in defending Corea, which lies conterminous to Manchuria, Japan would need to maintain her army at a higher strength than is convenient in the case of a naval power. Ought she not to aim rather at securing the carrying trade?

So important is this issue that we must inquire what exactly are the potentialities of Corea. We have here an Empire as large as Great Britain, with a population of 17,000,000 at the time of the first census which was taken in 1897. Its harbours are ice free. Its climate is admirable. The soil is rich and the mineral resources are large but undeveloped. European families can be reared in perfect health, and it is not necessary for the missionaries to send their children home. Mrs Bishop gives a most attractive account of the people and of the postal and telegraph system. In a single year—1896-7—the total foreign trade of Corea increased from £1,229,000 to £2,199,000. The fisheries and the carrying trade are chiefly in the hands of the Japanse, who constitute by far the greatest proportion of the foreign resident population. The system of education is of course reactionary though the people are literary in the Chinese sense of that word. There have of course been a various diplomatic encounters at Seoul—the capital—is between the British and Japanese authorities and Russia, but up to the present the allies have held their own.

Much may be urged against Russia's tortuous tactics, but one evil at any rate she seeks to avoid, and that is war. In Manchuria the dominant race has gradually assumed the reins of government, and it is impossible to say whether the people regret the change. It has been said of the Czar's authority that it presses most lightly upon the remote provinces of his Empire. For in those regions despotism meeting with no resistance has the less reason to assert itself. There is a far closer resemblance between Russia's rule—let us say, in North Persia—and our rule in India than there is between Russia's fatuous rule in Finland and our rule in Wales. The Frank mendacity which accompanies Russia's silent conquests ought not to blind us to the fact that her mission, however restrained be its altruism, is yet, within its limits, to civilize. And if this be an occasion when one may be permitted to take a broad view of the future, one would venture the prophecy that the liberties of Russia will only be established when a Luther arises in the Greek Church, and when Eastern Christendom passes through its reformation. It is, indeed, and interesting question whether Tolstoy is the real Luther. There are so many points in common, so many points of contrast. Both men have based their appeal upon the New Testament which they translated, each in his own way, from a dead to a living language. Both have had their books proscribed. Both worked largely through the universities. Both were excommunicated, and both enjoyed a remarkable immunity from personal oppression of a political character. Sooner or later the disciples of Tolstoy in Russia must make their political influence felt. If we mistake not, it will be they, rather than the distress of the people as such, which will undermine the bureaucracy. But of what kind of Revolution can we imagine Tolstoy to be the Rousseau? The very fact that he denounces the rule of force lends to his gospel an intensely political meaning.

When we contemplate the majestic and ruthless march of Russia we find ourselves in what is really the new world. Siberia is as empty as the North America of George Washington. In the middle East we are confronted by the relics of ancient civilizations long outworn, as, for instance, Thibet or Persia. Elsewhere stretch the onely Steppes, and it is not entirely fanciful to compare such regions with the prairies and the ancient Indian kingdoms discovered and developed in the sixteenth century. Compared with the tyranny of Spain, the iron administration of the Muscovite dependencies stands out not wholly unilluminated by benevolence. Our Bagdad Railway schemes hang fire through lack of power to ensure protection for them. They are more gossamer. Russia always radiating from a focus, presses outwards by the simple exertion of her immutable national will. We had our chance in Persia but we lost it because we could not furnish that over-powering intercommunication which is implied in the proximity of Russia. Probably the time is fast approaching when Afghanistan will be unable any longer to halt between two opinions. We may succeed in including her with India, but our very triumph will bring us into territorial contact with the dominions of the Slavs. Our Indian Empire is greater in population than any save the Chinese. But its future is shrouded in mystery, and in what way it will govern itself none of us can foresee. The increase of Russia, however, is the growth of an already existent entity. It is presence of mind, not absence of mind, which has impelled her to realize her astonishing destiny. She owes her predominance to a system not to the lonely efforts of personalities like Clive or Cecil Rhodes. Her unchanging will has rendered her independent of particular Napoleons. She is fate.

The solemn ceremony of laying the first stone of the new Campanile of St. Mark, the building of which has been entrusted to the architect, Signor Luca Beltrami, took place at three o'clock on the afternoon of the 25th instant King Victor Emmanuel was represented, at the function by the Count of Turin, and there were also present Signor Nasi, the Italian Minister of Public Instruction, Cardinal Sarto, the Patriarch, Count Grimani, the Mayor, and all the municipal authorities, and M. Chaumie, French Minister of Public Instruction. The Count of Turin's pavilion was covered with brownecloth, supported

on four lances with gold tassels, and there was a standard of St. Mark on either side. The floor was carpeted with light brown cloth, and the hole in the middle of the stone was ornamented with small festoons. The balconies of the Royal Palace were decked with green and red hangings, and the houses were decorated with flags and the national colours. The banner of St. Mark was flying over the church. All available space, including even the roof of the Procuratie Vecchie, was crowded with spectators, who comprised numerous representatives of various societies, with emblematic flags. The Count of Turin, who was loudly cheered, was accompanied by admirals and generals in uniform, and the Patriarch in mitre and pontifical, proceeded by a silver cross and followed by the clergy. The stone, which was placed in the centre of the foundations, was an oblong of trachyte, two-and-a-half feet long, a foot deep, and a foot wide. In the centre of the stone was hollowed out the space required to receive the parchment and the gold and silver coins commemorating the event. The parchment was also two-and-a-half feet in length by a foot in width. It was prepared by Professor Vincent Faggiotti in the style of the beginning of the fifteenth century and bears at the top the Lion of Venice, and below the arms of the House of Savoy, of Count Grimani, the Mayor of Venice, and of the Cardinal Patriarch. The parchment was enclosed in a tube a foot a long, after the Count of Turin the Mayor, the Italian and French Ministers of Public Instruction, and Cardinal Sarto had affixed their signatures.

The Count of Turin placed the tube in the stone using a silver trowel. In the tube with the parchment were enclosed a gold coin of twenty lire and silver coins of five, two, and one lire respectively, struck in the reign of king Victor Emmanual III. Stand had been erected for spectators, who loudly cheered the Count of Turin as he performed the ceremony which marked the commencement of the work of reconstruction of the famous Campanile so dear to Venetians. Addresses adopted to the solemnity of the occasion were delivered by Signor Nasi, M Chaumie, the Syndic, and the Patriarch. The ceremony ended about four o'clock. So far a million and a half lire (£60,000 have been collected by public subscription. The Government will pay what is still required to cover the cost of the work After the ceremony a monument was unveiled in the Public Gardens to Riccardo Selvatrio, a former Mayor, who in Venice and was a writer of repute both instituted the International Fine Arts Exhibitions in Italian and in the Venetian dialect. In the evening the Piazza of St. Mark was illuminated on a magnificent scale, and two military bands will play; while at the Venice Theatre there will be gala performance of Il Trovatore."—

The Pope received King Edward in the small Throne Room, which was decorated with rich hangings. Two armchairs were placed under a canopy of red damask. The Pope were a splendid diamond necklace, with a cross, also in brilliant. The Giornale d'Italia" states that the Pope made inquiries of King Edward as to his health and that of the Queen, and also regarding his Majesty's tour. The Holy Father further thanked the King for his visit. King Edward expressed himself very cordially towards the Pope and made inquiries regarding health. No allusion to politics was made. The Pope is said, however, to have spoken about the British Catholics, and to have recalled the recent visit of the Duke of Norfolk and a number of other members of the British nobility. According to the same journal, Cardinal Vircent Vannutelli will pay a visit to London on behalf of the Pope, and will be the bearer of autograph letter from his Holiness to King Edward. The Tribune say that King Edward was surprised at the Pope's clearness of mind, and his evident good health and on leaving the Vatican declared that his Holiness looked more like a man of 63 than one of 23. The Pope in the course of the interview recalled his visit to London in 186 and his reception by the late Queen Victoria. The Giornale d'Italia" comments on King Edward's visit to the Vatican says that it is an important event which formerly have been considered fully. The Italians" journal continues cannot be offended as the visit shows that in Italian Rome two Powers can exist side by side and yet divided and that new Italy represents in Rome civil strength to tolerance and liberty.

The Berlin Press generally avoids the subject of the Bagdad Railway, two or three journals only referring to the matter. The "Vossische Zeitung" and the National Zeitung insist upon what they call the discrepancy between Mr. Balfour's statement of the 8th inst. and that made by him yesterday with reference to the scheme. Both journals agree that the British Premier yielded to public opinion. The "National Zeitung" thinks that the last word is yet unspoken, and that England will come to see that the construction of the line cannot be checked, and will in time view it favourably. The Vossische Zeitung, however, considers that it will then be too late for England to benefit by the line. It remarks that the Bagdad Railway scheme has not been checked, and that the English have only hurt themselves. The journal observes that the English Press has every reason to triumph as it has forced the Government to knuckle down, but the Germans, it says are not so lightly disheartened, and some day will have the laugh on their side. The "Berliner Neueste Nachrichten" says that England grudges Germany everything and sees that, perhaps, the end will be that she will come in and buy up the whole line—Reuter. In an article on the decision of the British Government not to participate in the Bagdad Railway project the Neue Wiener Tageblatt regards it as possibly due to a desire on the part of Great Britain not to arouse distrust at St. Petersburg. As a matter of fact, says the journal, a conflict of interests has thereby been averted, and it is to be hoped that the Bagdad Railway will develope for the benefit of trade and intercourse and will serve the interests of peace at all times.

STUDENT GATHERING AT SANGLI.

THE nineteenth annual gathering of the past and present students of the Sangli High School was held on Sunday, the 17th inst., in Ganpati's Bag at Sangli. The day opened with athletic and gymnastic competitions, for which prizes were offered by the popular Administrator of the State, Rao Bahadur A. B. Dessi, and one or two other gentlemen. The competitions proved very interesting, and the spectators were engaged very pleasantly for a couple of hours near the High School Maidan where the competitions took place. About nine o'clock the students repaired to Ganpati's Bag to partake of refreshments, and at 1 p. m. dinner was served. After the speech-making competition in which Mr. Phadke gave promise of brilliant powers of speech, prizes were distributed. The report of the 18th gathering was then read and adopted. Then came the most interesting event on the programme of the day—a lecture on "Shri Ramdas," by Mr. S. S. Deva, B. A., LL. B, of Dhulia. Mr. G. B. Modak B. A. of the Berar Educational Department presiding. Mr. Deva is a prominent member of the bar at Dhulia, and he treated his subject very ably. After giving a rough outline of Ramdas' life, Mr. Deva referred chiefly to the political career of Ramdas, his stay at Chafal, at Sajjangad, his meeting with Shivaji, his preachings, and the like. Some extraordinary doings of the great Saint were also explained away, and in the end an earnest appeal was made by the lecturer to his audience to read Ramdas' "Dasbodha" at least, and a vote of thanks to the President, brought the gathering to a close.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

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NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

ROMAN CATHOLICS IN THE EAST.

FRENCH PROTECTORATE TO BE UPHELD.

The Pope has signified his intention of upholding the French Protectorate over Roman Catholic peoples in the East. His Holiness has also promulgated Bulls in France, directing that the French Dominicans, Franciscans and Capuchins, who have applied for authorisation under the Association's Laws as new congregations, should be restricted in their operations to missions abroad.

PEKIN AS A TREATY PORT.

AMERICA'S PROPOSAL.

America asks that Pekin be made an open port, in the hope of averting a partition of China.

THE WORLD'S NAVIES.

QUESTION OF REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.

ITALY'S NEED.

Signor Barzilai, in reply to a question in the Chamber, said that Britain had not approached Italy in view of a simultaneous reduction in the navies of the two countries. In the event of a proposal being submitted, it might, he added, be inopportune to other nations increasing their fleets, and Italy needed a powerful Navy, owing to her position and great interests in distant part and for protecting her emigrants.

THE LATE SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

AN APPEAL BY MR. GUTHRIE.

Mr. Guthrie, Sheriff of Dingwall, is appealing for public subscriptions to raise a fund to assist the widow of the late Sir Hector Macdonald in order to educate her son.

Mr. Guthrie announces that the War Office have given the maximum allowance possible to the widow and son of an officer of Sir Hector Macdonald's rank.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The Volunteer Officers' Decoration is conferred upon the undermentioned officer:—

Lieutenant James Moore of the Karachi Artillery Volunteers.

The undermentioned members of the Indian Volunteer Force are granted the Volunteer Long Service Medal:—

Karachi Artillery Volunteers.—Sapper S H Shallcross.

1st Battalion, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifles.—Corporal H R Smith, Lance-Corporal H Collett, Volunteer T A Downes, Volunteer G Gabriel, Volunteer S J Plair, and Volunteer J J Smith.

2nd Battalion, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifles.—Color-Sergeant J Baker, Sergeant L Holland, Sergeant A W Moriarty, Corporal R H Little, and Volunteer W D Foster.

1st Battalion, Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles.—Volunteer C. Ranger.

2nd Battalion, Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles.—Captain J Bell, Captain J Harkness, Volunteer G Eglesome, Volunteer R W Ellis, Volunteer W Prosser, Volunteer F G Taylor.

Poona Volunteer Rifles.—Colour-Sergeant R Ramm.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

It is remarkable how greatly our estimate of ourselves and our qualities differs from the estimate formed of us by others. If the thing were practicable, many folks would realise heavily by selling themselves at their own valuation (if they could find customers), and afterwards buying themselves back on the basis of other people's notion of their worth. The more numerous and the harder the blows aimed at our self-conceit in the days of our youth, the better for us. They pulverise, as it were, the worser part of our nature, and nothing survives the process but what deserves to endure. "And what are you?" asked a Lord Chief Justice of England of a witness who had just given some rambling and discreditable evidence. "I employ myself as a surgeon," said the witness. "But does anybody else employ you as a surgeon? *Are you a surgeon?*" asked the judge. And thereat the witness collapsed.

It is claimed for all medicines that they effect cures though the fact is that some do and some do not. Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup has been very extensively used for thirty-five years, and is to-day the principal domestic medicine in sixteen different countries. The number of cures it has effected especially among persons suffering from indigestion and bilious diseases is quite incalculable. Of the many thousands of testimonials as to its efficacy voluntarily given here is an interesting one from a mother and daughter "For several years," writes Mrs. Hutchison, of New castle Road, Jesmond, N.S.W., on October 19th 1902. "I suffered agonies from indigestion and liver complaint. I could neither eat, sleep, nor work—in fact did not know what it was to enjoy a single hour of freedom from pain. I was attended by two of the cleverest medical men in the Newcastle district, but their treatment failed to bring me any relief. Indeed, I went steadily downhill, and began to fear that my case was beyond the aid of medicine. I grew weakly and thin, and became dejected, when, two years ago, I was advised to try what Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup could do for me. It was a happy decision, for before I had taken a quarter of the first bottle my health was much improved. I continued to take the medicine according to the directions for five weeks, by the end of which time I was cured. The cure is evidently a permanent one, for I have remained well and sound to the present day."

This is good testimony—testimony to be proud of. But it don't stop here. Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup not only cured Mrs. Hutchison of her indigestion and liver complaint, but, in the case of her daughter Agnes, arrested the progress of an insidious and dangerous malady which, if allowed to range unchecked, might have had fatal results. Here is Mrs. Hutchison's own description of her daughter's case: "My daughter," she says, "was in a very bad way. She was suffering from severe nervous debility. She wasted away to a skeleton, and appeared to have no blood in her body. She was so weakly that she could not walk without assistance, and was often compelled to keep to bed for days together. The doctors seemed to be much in the dark as to her ailment, and as impotant in treating her case as they had been in their treatment of mine, so I determined to experiment on her with the medicine which had proved such a boon to myself. The result was that within two months a few bottles of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup changed her from a helpless invalid into a hearty, healthy, happy girl. She remains as well as one could wish her to be."

Mrs. Hutchison is well-known in Jesmond and Lambton, and has lived in these places for twenty years. She is a native of Scotland, and came to Australia in 1872.

AMONG serveral exceedingly interesting experimen carried out during the year at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradenys, Ceylon, one was as to the dispersal of seeds of flowering plants For this purpose an island was formed in lake entirely from the mud which had been for many years under water. A few plants have grown on the island, and it is intended to examine the flora of the place each year and record the occurrence of new plants with remarks as to the method of dispersal of their seeds. This may be described as "vegetable colonisation."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS. Sudden changes of temperature sorely try persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doloureux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation and reduce the swelling. The Pills simultaneously taken will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the stronghold. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic and scrofulus attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MAY 21.

Thursday.—Pressure has been steady over a greater part of the peninsula, but it has fallen briskly to very rapidly over Northern India. The barometer still reads much higher than usual generally, but especially in the North West. Conditions are still unsettled over the Arabian Sea, and the wind is southerly in Kathiawar though it has returned to northward along the West Coast. A very severe squall passed over Bombay last evening. A few thunder showers have been received in Assam and Burma, but the amounts are light, and with the present westerly winds the rainfall is likely to still further decrease. Rain has fallen generally in South and West Peninsula, having extended as far north as Bombay. The principal falls are 3·68 inches at Nellore, 2·18 inches at Salem, 2·13 inches at Goa, 2·06 inches at Mercara and over one inch at Calicut, Mangalore, Trichinopoly, and Madras. The "Observer" at Calicut reports that the monsoon is apparently setting in, and conditions appear to show that probably a temporary advance of the monsoon winds has taken place.

WEATHER AT SEA.

The B. I. S. N. Co's s.s. Ula, Captain J. Stone, which arrived in harbour yesterday from Colombo, experienced during the voyage, light wind, moderate sea and cloudy sky, and east and south of Ceylon, strong south-west winds.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE 21ST MAY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased rapidly in the north and there has been a slight rise in the extreme south, but is still ·2 of an inch in excess of normal in Upper Sind.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been strong at Jamnagar and fresh to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—Variations from normal are very irregular. The maximum varied from 115° at Ahmedabad to 77° at Bangalore and the minimum from 67° at Bangalore to 86° at Jacobabad.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast over nearly the whole country. Humidity has increased considerably at Mangalore, Ratnagiri, Ahmednagar, Poona, Akola, Indore, Rajkot, Dwarka, Jamnagar and Deesa.

Rain.—Over an inch fell at Mangalore, Calicut, Madras and Trichinopoly and light to moderate showers at Negapatam, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Masulipatam, Bangalore, Cochin, Karwar, Ratnagiri, Ahmednagar, Poona, Bombay and Malegaon.

Weather.—Conditions are favourable for thunder and lightning with light local rain on the West Coast, where pressure is still below normal.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
Bombay, 20th May, 1903.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah. ..... inches	29·784
Temperature of the Air ..... degrees	86·4
Wet Bulb Thermometer	79·5
Dew Point	77·2
Relative humidity of Air	0·741
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky divided = 10) ...	4·3
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ..... degrees	92·2
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	82·2
General Direction of Wind ..... SW, SSE, NW, SSE.	
Movement of Wind in 24 hours" ..... miles	299
Fall of Rain	0·74
Total fall during month	0·74
Do. year	0·91
Additional fall of rain up to 10 a.m. of 21st inst.	0·00

"From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT—MAY 20.

10 p.m.	83·5

THURSDAY—MAY 21.

6 a.m.	80·6
10 a.m.	85·4
2 p.m.	81·9
4 p.m.	82·9

WORKMAN'S TERRIBLE END.

A STRANGE PREMONITION.

ON October 7 last, a man named William Carson was blown into hundreds of pieces through the explosion of nitro-glycerine at the Ardeer Factory of Nobel's Explosives Company. In the course of his inquiry Captain M. B. Lloyd, his Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, says it was suggested that there were prima facie grounds for suspecting suicide as affording the true explanation as to the cause of the explosion. The inspector learnt that the man had become almost a religious fanatic, and that he had recently foretold his approaching death. Investigations, however, showed that Carson would have regarded the taking of his own life with abhorrence. Before leaving home on the evening of the explosion he had discussed with his wife the way in which he intended doing some carpentry work upon which he was engaged, showing that there could have been no premeditation, and as to foretelling his death it seems that since an explosion in January, 1901, when a girl lost her life, he had been unduly oppressed with a sense of the danger of his occupation, and habitually said good-bye to all his family when going to work and suggested the possibility of his not returning, making it the occasion for some observations of a religious nature. The Inspector suggests that the probable cause of the explosion was the vibration and friction of the air-pipes on the bottom of a nitro-glycerine tank.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of Traffic Earnings for the week ending 9th May 1903.

	Coaching Traffic.	Goods Traffic.	Sundry Receipts.	Total for the week.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Approximate earnings for week ending 9th May 1903— G I P Rystem...	2,07,843	8,87,723	3,612	10,99,248
I M R do ...	52,336	1,28,157	434	2,10,927
Total ...	2,60,179	10,15,950	4,046	13,10,175
Actuals for corresponding week ending 10th May 1902— G I P Rystem...	2,08,370	8,43,146	3,576	10,55,092
I M R do ...	86,728	2,53,664	486	3,40,880
Total	2,95,098	10,96,810	4,054	13,95,972
Increase or Decrease... { G I P R	— 527	+ 44,647	+ 36	+ 44,156
I M R...	— 34,392	— 95,507	— 54	— 1,29,953

B, B, & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th May, 1903, on 481 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	1,20,000	3,05,000	4,000	4,29,000
Or per mile of Railway	250	662	9	931
For previous 18 weeks of half-year	18,84,194	41,70,271	62,087	61,16,552
Total for 19 weeks...	20,04,194	44,75,271	66,087	65,45,552
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,10,847	2,87,980	1,457	3,96,284
Per mile of Ry. do.	231	616	3	860
Total to corresponding date do.	20,10,241	42,07,000	54,731	62,65,572

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 32,716
Do. to date ..... ,, 2,79,980

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REIGN OF TUFRRORISM IN NEW YORK.

THE MAFIA AND SECRET MURDERS.

IN unravelling the murder mystery of the week, ending April 17, the New York Secret Service has come upon a gigantic find. For months the detective department has been keeping close scrutiny upon a confraternity of Italian suspects. "By the discoveries of the last two days says the "Pall Mall" it believes it has in its hands documentary evidence of the ramifications of the Mafia in the great cities of the United States. One of the chief problems the Government of the country has to face in the admission of criminal elements in the high tide of immigrants from the backward races of Europe is thus brought under notice in the most startling way. Some summary methods and rough handling in grasping the nettle are warranted, when a danger so threatening to the national welfare presents itself.

There are parts of New York—in the special quarters of Manhattan and in many of the suburbs—which are almost wholly Italian. The prevalence of their native tongue declares the recent settlement of thousands from the shores of the Mediterranean. The goat is invariably the family companion, as in the old days would have been the Irishman's pig. All the heterogeneous races of the peninsula are represented. The Northern navvy and mason are digging the sewers, making tunnels and laying the road bed for the electric tram lines. So with less energy are the Calabrian, the Sicilian, and the Southern agricultural labourer, under the stimulus of the day's dollars, but the paddling instincts and the "live-on-nothing-a-day hereditary traits of the Neapolitan come out in the "junk" man who comes round with his sack and laboriously searches the domestic refuse barrels for odds and ends before the scavenger makes his call with the garbage cart. All alike are termed Dagoes. There is little love lost between them and other races.

Police-court cases in the precincts inhabited more or less by Italian colonies show how dangerous to life are brawls among the inhabitants themselves. The vendetta is no mere figure of speech, but is something to be reckoned with.

Clannishness prevails to an extreme, and an outsider has little chance of penetrating to the inner life. Even an interpreter before a magistrate is subjected to threats of personal violence. But flagrant crimes, such as the assassination of President McKinley, in its relation to the Anarchist organisation of Paterson, New Jersey, the manufactures and passing of counterfeit coin and brutal murders like this week's, coming to light through a woman's accidental discovery of a man's body in a derelict barrel, are from time to time revelations of the existing state of things. Inquiries show that among the Italians of New York themselves a reign of terror has been established, which keeps their mouths closed till some protection is guaranteed, and that desperadoes are well known among themselves, living by threats and blackmail, and receiving a certain kind of deference from their countrymen, owing to their malign influence, which it might cost one's life to defy.

Much still remains to be done by the police in establishing the guilt individually of the thirteen men under arrest for Tuesday's murder. The clues upon which they are working are at present strong circumstantial evidence for this one crime, and incidentally have shed light on many unsolved mysteries, particularly the finding of a body in a sack last summer in a lonely spot of the harbour shore. The murdered man has so far not been identified. To the detectives, however, he was known as the "New-comer," so called because they recognized in him an unknown man who was seen by them in conference on Monday with a gang whom they had under close surveillance in the low Italian quarter of New York. That night, on leaving duty, they reported to headquarters more than usual activity among the members of the band they were watching. The next morning (Tuesday) a woman, Mrs. Conners, on her way to work noticed a coat thrown over the top of a barrel lying among lumber and rubbish in Eleventh-street, between Avenue D and Dry Dock-street. A man's foot met her sight as she raised the coat, and she promptly called a policeman. That was at six o'clock in the morning, and at Bellevue Hospital, whither the body was taken immediately, the doctor found it to be still warm. The murder had been committed between three and five o'clock. There were eighteen stab wounds, some only slight, but the head had been almost severed by the driving of a dagger into the neck. The man seemed, from his features and dress, to belong to the better class of Italians. One or two cigars were found in his coat, and the barrel had on it the letters W and T., and had a quantity of sawdus in the bottom.

It was an easy step for the detective chief, with the report of his agent in his mind, to arrest on suspicion the principal members of the suspected gang, while inquiries were set on foot in many other directions. The main clue, however, proved the best. There were found to be twenty-five or thirty members of the gang. Giuseppe Morello, a Sicilian of thirty-four, described as an agent, living in Chrystie-street, in the most notorious part of the Bowery district, and close to Elizabeth-street, Prince-street, and Stanton-street, were its resorts, was looked upon as its leader. To his countrymen he is known as Three-fingered Pete, his right hand being maimed, while his chief confederate Petio has the sobriquet of "the Bull," due to his personal characteristics. Both were taken in a garret after a prolonged search and after some resistance. They were found to be armed with stilettos and revolvers.

The arrested men include a merchant, a wine-importer, a labourer, a farmer, a clothes-presser, a butcher, and a saloon-keeper, but most importance is attached to Pietro Inzarillo, a confectioner, who kept the cafe, in El Zabar-street, where it is believed the murder was committed.

Subsequent search in the resorts of the gang and in their dwelling-places has supplied a remarkable chain of evidence supporting the original police theory. In the first place the barrel in which the body was discovered more than a mile away from Elizabeth street has been found to match another in the cellar of Inzarillo's cafe. Sawdust and packing correspond exactly. The letters "W. and T.," stencilled on the bottom of the barrel denote Wallace and Thompson, a firm from whom Inzarillo was accustomed to buy sugar. It was one of fifteen, twelve of which are known to have been broken up. Still more connective are the links found in the case of Morello. His cigars tallied with those of the murdered man. The Newcomer wore a collar and goloshes—for it was a very wet night—duplicates of which have been found in the possession of Morello and another of the arrested men. When all the documents are translated it is expected that mysterious disappearances that have puzzled the police during the past few years will be accounted for.

The authorities have convinced themselves that the victim was lured to the city, probably from New Orleans, where the Mafia is even stronger than in New York, and murdered for disclosing information which had brought about the arrest of several members of the secret society, which has branches in practically every city of the country. Sufficient documentary evidence has been obtained to indicate Morello to be the head of the Palermo society of the Mafia in the United States, directing the affairs of its branches. Members of the Mafia, as has often been suspected, when becoming resident in America, preserve their affiliation with the original Palermo society, but the evidence goes to prove that the quasi-political and benevolent objects of the original organization have been extended to cover a criminal conspiracy in which extortion and counterfeiting have long been carried on over here under the terrorism of secret murder.

ANOTHER THRILLING GHAUT STORY.

ON Tuesday, May 12, Mrs. Mayne met with a series of misadventures coming up the Kodaikanal Ghaut. She left the tope bungalow in the dark of early morning, with her little girl in a dhooly with herself, and her ayah in a chair. When she had travelled rather more than 3 1-2 miles she thought the dhooly creaked ominously, so she put her little girl with the ayah, in the chair. A few minutes later, one entire side of the dhooly against which her back was pressed, as she lay, broke out, precipitating her violently to the ground. She lay in pain for a little time, amid wildly gesticulating coolies, who said, "truly enough, that the fault was not theirs. After a time, the poor injured lady recovered sufficiently to direct the coolies, whom she persuaded to tie the frail conveyance together and endeavour to get her on the remaining eight miles to Kodaikanal. They did their best, and lifted Mrs. Mayne into the dhooly, but barely had they started off, when the foot-board broke bodily away, and Mrs. Mayne was again placed (by the coolies) on the ground. She then became aware that the dhooly was simply infested with white-ants, and thus, no doubt, its frailty was caused. She was then at her wits end, and in great straits, when, fortunately, there appeared a "good Samaritan," in the shape of a Brahmin gentleman from Madras, who descended from his own canvas coach, and helped to lift her into it. It being, however, an upright chair, she could hardly endure the pain, her back being injured from the fall. There then appeared another native being carried in a reclining canvas chair. The Brahmin gentleman told him of Mrs. Mayne's accident, and he at once gave his chair to her, while the Brahmin gentleman insisted on the new-comer taking possession of his chair, while his small nephew, who accompanied him, actually sat in the crazy, cranky dhooly, holding on, with his hands to the roof, for safety. Thus the melancholy procession went on and on, and finally reached Mrs. Mayne's house, Roslyn, where she is still confined to bed, and suffering pain, though her injuries have turned out to be much slighter than was feared at first.

MOTOR AND BALLOON VOLUNTEERS.

CARS WORTH £1,000,000.

GRADUALLY the first Volunteer Motor Corps is taking on form and assuming actuality, writes the "Westminster." Colonel Mark Mayhew has a hope that the first parade the corps will be possible during the coming summer, but whether it can take place in uniform is a little doubtful. The War Office does not move at express speed, and until the officers of the corps have been gazetted no enrolment of the rank and file can be commenced. But the men are ready. The immediate strength of the corps will probably be 150, which seeing that the total of all ranks is at present limited to 200, will be an excellent beginning. In cash value the enrolment will be even greater, the estimate being that the cars of this new arm of the Volunteer service will represent a sum of one million pounds.

The officers now waiting to be gazetted, apart from Colonel Mayhew and Captain G. Skeffington Smyth, 9th Lancers, who is to be the captain and adjutant of the new corps, include the Hon. J. Scott Montague, the Hon. C. S. Rolls, Major Forbes Eden, Captain Hearn, Mr. J. E. Hunston, Mr. Trippel, Mr. Crampton, Mr. Windham, and Colonel R. C. Knox. The rank and file will be recruited from some very well-known men. Arms having not yet been chosen, the equipment of the corps in this respect has still to be sanctioned by the War Office, but the uniform has already been selected. It is to be of field service pattern, similar to that worn in the Regular Army, with dark green cuffs and collar, Knickerbockers and gaiters are to take the place of trousers, and the headgear is to be the ordinary field service cap.

At present no scheme of drill has been organised, for the reason that is is not immediately necessary. The regiment, in fact, will really be a service corps, to be employed as a means of quick transit, especially for the transport of general and staff officers and despatches. When the men have duly qualified the corps will also be extensively used for signalling purposes; and its operations will include attendance at manœuvres, staff rides, and inspections. Each car must have seating capacity for at least four persons, and when on service (which is not to exceed ten days in each year) the War Office allowance is to be 30s. per day, together with free fuel. No car is to be sold, exchanged, or replaced without notification to the War Office, and a description must be given of the new car which the Volunteer proposes to employ.

It was hoped that it would be possible to begin the enrolment of members (who are to include motor cyclists) at the end of the April meanwhile, the Balloon Volunteer Corps, which it is desired to attach to the new Motor Corps, has yet to be officially sanctioned. Colonel Maynew has applied to the War Office for its attachment to his regiment and there seems to be every indication that the formation of a corps of Balloon Volunteers will be presently authorised.

NATIVES AND THE DRINK TRAFFIC.

THE Earl of Stamford presided at Grosvenor House at the annual meeting of the United Committee for the Prevention of the Demoralization of Native Races by the Liquor Traffic.

In the annual report, which was read by Dr. C. F. Harford, it was stated that several events of importance during the past year showed that the protection of native races from intoxicating liquor was becoming recognised as one of the essential principles of sound administration, and reference was made to the Transvaal "Liquor Licensing Ordinance," which incorporated the stringent regulations proclaimed by Lord Milner in December, 1901. Regret was expressed that equally protective legislation had not been adopted in West Africa. The income last year did not exceed £300, and this was deemed to be £223 short of what was necessary.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, quoted a statement by Lord Milner that the operation of the liquor laws had been greatly beneficial in conducing to sobriety among the natives. If the number of native labourers was not quite up to the requirements, their efficiency had greatly increased, for the number of labourers who were incapacitated by drink had been reduced from 30 per cent. to 1 per cent. (Applause.)

The Rev. G. Armstrong Bennett, who seconded, referred to a statement by Sir H. H. Johnston, the African administrator, that he would resolutely condemn negroes being refused reasonable access to wine, beer, or native fermented liquor of moderate strength, as some mild form of alcohol was often necessary to their stamina, and to enable them to face the African climate. But the sale of spirits should be made extremely expensive, except under some provision which would enable doctors to control their administration. With these views the speaker said the committee took issue, their experience leading them to a directly contrary opinion.

The report was adopted, and a resolution was passed expressing the hope that the Government would seek the co-operation of the French and German Governments in obtaining an international agreement for the protection of the native races of Africa from the liquor traffic.

A SENSITIVE CONSTABLE.

SUICIDE AFTER REPRIMAND.

AT an inquest on the body of Constable Hinder, of Greenwich, who was found shot in Greenwich Park, Inspector Hailstone said the deceased was a witness in the Blackheath murder case on the previous Friday afternoon during the process of the identification of the accused man Piatell. The deceased, on being called out to see if he knew anybody laughed, swung his arms, and appeared ludicrous, and instead of looking at the line of thirteen men he looked at the other witnesses. Chief Inspector Cox, who was taking the identification, reprimanded him, and told him to behave himself. The deceased constable eventually picked out Piatell as the man he had spoken to in Vanbrugh Park, Blackheath, about ten minutes before Police Constable Cooper was shot on March 21.

The Coroner read a portion of a letter, and said that it was an apology from a young lady for the manner in which she had upbraided the deceased on the previous day, and withdrawing all she had written.

Vera Burton, a cook, of St. John's Park, Blackheath, said she knew the deceased very well. On Sunday night she saw him just after nine, and he then looked very ill. She asked him what was the matter, and he said he was mentally troubled, adding, "Teddie (Inspector Sedgwick) showed me up on Sunday morning, and I mean to show him up on Monday morning."

Two jurors stated that it was rumoured that the deceased was reprimanded for the way he had acted on the night of the murder. Inspector Sedgwick assured the Coroner and jury that there was no truth in the rumour.

The Coroner pointed out that the revolver the constable used was purchased at the very shop where Piatell purchased his revolver.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity. They expressed the opinion that no blame attached to Inspector Sedgwick or any of the officers at Westcombe Park Station, and added a rider to the effect that persons should be unable to purchase a revolver unless they possessed a license authorising them to do so.

WAS BEATRICE REAL?

IN view of the production of "Dante" at Drury Lane, special interest attached to the meeting of the Dante Society on April 29th. There was a numerous gathering at Queen's College, Harley-street, including Princess Louise Augusta.

Signor Luigi Ricci was the lecturer. He chose for his subject, "Beatrice," whom Dante has immortalised as the object of his love. The later commentators have laboured to prove, erroneously the lecturer thought, that Beatrice represented an idea rather than a living woman. It was affirmed by some that she represented philosophy, the Church, Revelation, and even physic. In disproof, the lecturer quoted numerous passages from the sonnets, the Divine Commedia, and the Inferno, wherein Dante never refers to Beatrice as an idea. To him she was a real woman, whose image pursued him throughout his career. Boccaccio, who was almost contemporary with the poet, knew the house in Florence in which she lived and died at the age of twenty-four. A passage in the Inferno depicts Dante viewing Beatrice behind a wall of flame. She is dressed in red, white, and green—the colours of the flag, added the lecturer, which waves so close to that of Britain to-day. But those were not the colours of the Italian flag when Dante penned his passionate invocation. It was not until 1796 that the present flag was adopted. The poet and the lecturer jocosely, had clearly prophesied what would be the national colours of Italy.

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

The Elysee Palace, where the President entertained the King at dinner, was the habitation of the Pompadour, from whose brother Louis XV. bought it after her death, as a residence for Ambassadors-Extraordinary. During the Revolution it was confiscated and was sold in 1803 to Murat, who lived there until his departure for Naples. Afterwards it was a favourite residence with Napoleon I., and it was there that his brother Lucien waited for him after Woterlot. In 1814 and 1815 it was inhabited by the Emperor of Russia and the Duke of Wellington. The Duc de Berry lived there after the Restoration, and Napoleon III. went there as President of the Reipublic, and there planned the coup detat in the Salle du Conseil.

The Hotel de Ville, at which the King was received by the Municipal Council, is quite a modern building. The original building was burnt down by the Communists, quite a number of their own wounded being left to perish in the flames. From the Revolution onwards the history of the Hotel de Ville has been the history of France. All

M. A. P. IN THE LIBRARY.

A striking figure in any assembly is Mr. Joyce Emmerson Preston Muddock, F.R.G.S. (to give him his full style and title), author, journalist, traveller, lecturer with his deep chested, powerful frame, fine massive head still well covered with thick, dark, curling hair, auburn beard, and big, fierce moustachios, shrewd, though kindly, violet-grey eyes, surmounted by great, bushy, bristling eyebrows—always a sign of a restless, strenuous temperament—and capacious, knobby forehead—a man who bears his sixty years very lightly despite the fact that nearly fifty of them have been spent in world-wanderings, from New York to New Guinea, from Montreal to Melbourne, from Pekin to St. Petersburg.

Indeed, with a life so full of incident and adventure, one scarcely knows where to begin and still less when to leave off, but certainly some of his most interesting experiences occurred when he was a boy of about fourteen. As a "John Company's" cadet, he was at work in the gun foundry at Cossipore, near Calcutta, when the mutiny broke out at Meerut on the fateful 10th of May, 1857. The five thousand natives employed in the foundry were controlled by twenty-eight Europeans of whom Mr. Muddock was the pink-cheeked "baby," and, needless to say, the whites had an anxious time of it. Cossipore, however, remained quiet, and Mr. Muddock saw little fighting, though he did see many strange and terrible things—sepoys blown from the guns for one. Nothing could be more interesting than his recollections of Nana Sahib, whom he frequently met before the outbreak.

Nana Sahib! What a ghastly panorama unrolls itself before the mind's eye when that strangely fascinating name is mentioned, and to this day can one hear it without a sudden simmer of the blood, without instinctively clenching one's fist? And yet Mr. Muddock remembers the arch fiend of the Mutiny as a tall, handsome, courtly gentleman, of singularly polished and urbane manners, speaking English perfectly, but with this peculiarity, that his intonation was that of a transpontine actor of the old school. Alas! there was little purely stagey in the Nana's actions and he was never brought to the justice which always overtakes the Surrey villain.

There is a fairly general belief that Nana Sahib once visited England, and indeed I recently saw the question asked in a popular weekly. The Nana never came to these shores, but there is some slight justification for the idea that he did, for he sent his A.D.C. Azimoolah—his ame damnee I call him, though possibly Azimoolah was more master than tool—with a personal petition to Queen Victoria, praying that the Nana might be allowed to make a natural son, of whom he was very fond, his heir and successor—a course compatible with Indian law, but forbidden by ours. London Society made much of Azimoolah—perhaps too much—but he failed in his mission, and, whether on that account or of the contempt bred of familiarity, it is certain that he conceived a very bitter hatred of us, and when he returned to India did all in his power to poison his master's mind against us. There can be little doubt that Azimoolah induced the Nana to throw of the mask of friendship, and that his was the mind that planned Cawnpore and the "Slaughter-house."

The Mutiny sounded "John Company's" death-knell, and not seeing his way to spending three years English University in preparation for the newly-constituted Indian Civil, Mr. Muddock returned home, and began his long and distinguished career as author and journalist. In the latter capacity he has contributed an enormous amount to periodical literature, and as special correspondent has done some notable work. As a traveller he has practically been all over the world.

For some years he was the Hour special, and for five the Daily News Swiss representative. Parenthetically I may remark that while in Switzerland he wrote Stormlight, a novel which brought him the illuminated thanks of the Geneva Nihilists, and a more or less official intimation from, Russia that if he ever set foot in that country again he would be assassinated. Some fifteen years ago he joined the staff of some Dundee papers to which he still contributes. This is the merest outline of a very successful and varied journalistic career.

Soon after joining the Dundee papers, Mr. Muddock started the very popular detective stories he has written under the pseudonym of Dick Donovan. An opposition paper, the People's Journal, was running a series of detective yarns which were meeting with great success, and the News determined to fight its rival on its own ground, and, if possible, go one better. Mr. Muddock was given the job and Dick Donovan caught on from the first, contributing for four years without a break. Since then Dick Donovan has been responsible for some twenty-five volumes which have been translated into many languages, including Tamil. Dick Donovan, by the way, was the name of a famous Bow Street runner, who ran'em in some two hundred years ago.

I don't know how many books Mr. Muddock has written; possibly he does not know himself. His first volume was published by Messrs. Tinsley Bros. thirty and more years ago; since then a steady stream of wholesome, stimulating fiction has flowed from the fountain pen (and it isn't always a fountain pen flows steadily) that he invariably uses. Among his numerous successes one may mention: As the Shadows Fall, For God and the Czar, The Great White Hand, John Jellaby's Housekeeper, The Dead Man's Secret, Stormlight, Without Faith or Fear, Young Lochinvar, Basile the Jester, Maid Marian, and Robinhood.

How For God and the Czar came to be written is rather interesting. Mr. Muddock happened to be at Tit-Bits offices, talking to his friend Mr. Galloway Fraser, when Mr. Newnes, as he then was, came in. Look here, Mr. Muddock, he said abruptly, can you write us a serial? I've got one running that's not doing us any good. Mr. Muddock replied that he had a story in his mind dealing with the persecution of the Jews in Russia. That'll do, said Mr. Newnes, when can I have it? Oh, I haven't thought it out yet, answered Mr. Muddock, slightly taken aback at such promptitude, say in six months. Six months, echoed Mr. Newnes scornfully, I must have it in a fortnight. As usual Mr. Newnes got his way at least to this extent that Mr. Muddock went away, shut himself up and delivered the first three instalments in three weeks keeping them up weekly afterwards. The serial thus quickly commissioned and quickly written was a huge success and stirred the heart of Jewish communities the world over.

For seven years Mr. Muddock was a successful lecturer, and space, I hope, will serve for the narration of one of his experiences. He had had a long, cold and wet journey and whilst his chairman, a rabid teetotaler, was holding forth on the evils of drink, Mr. Muddock surreptitiously refreshed himself from a pocket-pistol. After the lecture a man came up to him and said confidentially, "Aw say, lad, reckon's chairman's address didn't do you much good; aw saw thee scoopin." Mr. Muddock explained that he was wet and chilled, and asked his interlocutor whether he would not have done the same. Aye, mebbe, said the man. Happen tha's a scop left? Mr. Muddock handed over his flask, and received it back, toom as a drum, whilst, to add insult to injury the man remarked; Naw lad tak my advice and gie up scopin; it's main bad for ye? But you should hear Mr. Muddock tell the story; it's inimitable.

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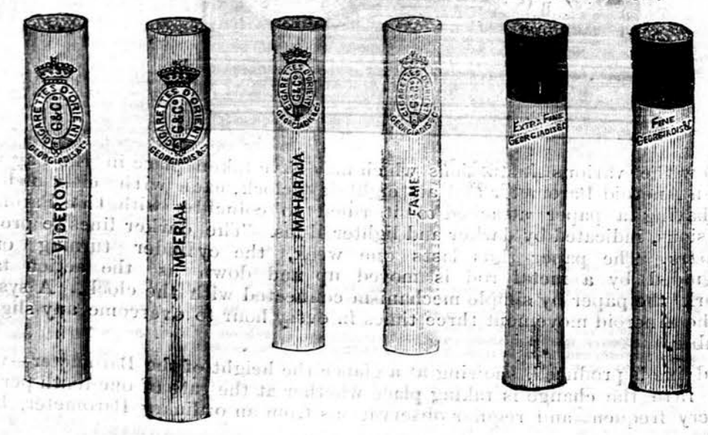

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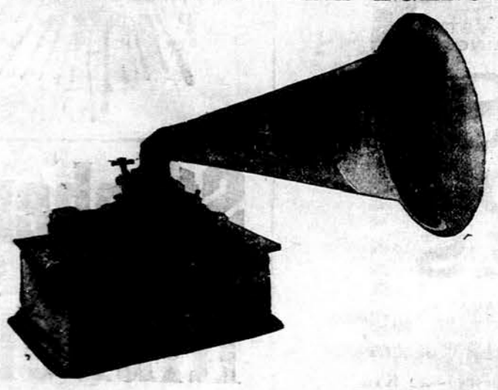

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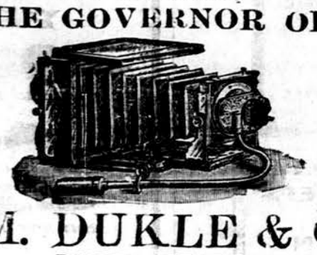

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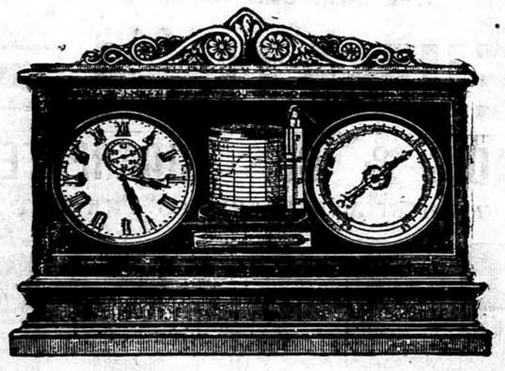

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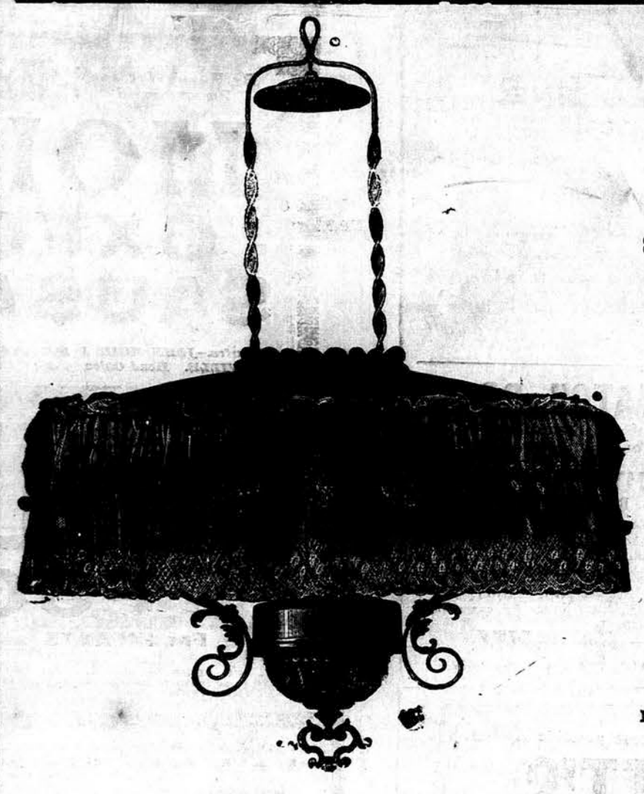

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